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Million days lost in worst strikes month since 1974

More than one million days were lost through strikes last month, Britain's worst record since 1974. The total number of days lost during the first quarter of this year was more than twothirds for the whole of last year. Most of the strikes reflect frustration over pay policy. News of the strike record will make depressing reading for those seeking to secure a further period of pay restraint. Maintenance engineers at Heathrow, however, yesterday agreed to go back after a 24-day stoppage which is estimated to have cost British Airways £15m.

Most disputes reflect frustration over pay

Davs lost through strikes topped the million mark in March for the first time since 1974 as Britain experienced its most troubled month for industrial relations since 1974. With 1,116,000 days lost through disputes during March, the total number of days lost in the first three months of 1977 is 2,331,000—more than twothirds of the total days lost during the whole of 1976.

The sharp increase in industrial unrest almost certainly reflects growing frustration over the effect of the workings of the current phase of incomes policy, coupled with a determination to put up a mar! for discussions about the r. round.

April is also likely to be a fairly difficult month, which is a fairly difficult month, who have a fairly difficult month, who have a fairly difficult month, which is a fairly difficult month. dispute and the strike at For 's Halewood plant. However, the figures ...'l not be affecte. by the Leyland tool: 1 workers' dispute which occurred in

Depressingly for the Government, the industrial picture is markedly more gloomy than it was in March 1976, when talks

All of the increase in days lost in March, against the U1,000 lost in February, came through a worsening in the February. The sector has been

days lost was the 11-week disdays lost was the 11-week dispute at Massey Ferguson.

Few, if any, of the disputes which have occurred this year have been overtly directed towards breaking the present pay policy. But there have been strikes aimed at persuading employers that they can take a particularly generous reading of what stage two allows, strikes which are overtly about some other issue entirely, but which clearly carries overtones of resentment about the way earnings have been falling, and strikes aimed at getting changes in the negotiating structure ready for the next pay round.

In some ways these must be most disturbing for those seeking to construct a new round of pay restraint to replace the present policy when it expires at the end of July. It is generally agreed that any new pay policy will have to be more flexible than at present in order to accommodate the grievances of special groups such as those who feel they have special skills which should

But the more flexible any nere about to begin on what policy becomes, the harder it learne the present "4! per will be to police. Thus, the less month only 363,000 days were a stop against pay increases. Inst. There were also more The problem is not simply one people involved in disputes in of procedure. The increasing March this year than at the number of workers who have same time last year, a sign that declared themselves in favour of a return to free, collective bargaining would presumably

Even if the Government succeeds in securing a new pay deal, it is unlikely to be of a broad category covering metals, form simple enough to have a engineering, shipbuilding and drastic impact in holding down vehicles. Days lost there went strikes. In 1976, the year of the vehicles. Days lost there wend up to 912,000, against 527,000 in February. The sector has been months of the present pay deal, the scene of some particularly days lost through strikes fell protracted battles, of which one to their lowest level since 1967.

Heathrow engineers' strike ends

By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter British Airways maintenance engineers at Heathrosv yesterday agreed to return to work with a partial victory after 24 this of unofficial industrial action. The airline said its net

The 3,700 men have throughout been confronted with a determined stand by their union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, against the stoppage. They were also denied vital support from any of the other 16 or 17 main-tenance and engineering workers' unions at Heathrow. But they have won an apparent commitment ent commitment from the unions for an early joint claim in management for revised shift payments, which implies that they will be looking for extra shift premiums of between £6 and £14 a week.

In their battle for separate were soundly defeated. How-ever, the five shop stewards who headed the dispute last tight claimed victory.

The decision to return to work was reached with only a few in a cinema at Southall, west London. The previous day the AUEW executive had overthelmingly decided not to recognize the dispute and the British Airways for ever.

prospects were that there would have been a gradual return to work.

Hitherto the other Heathrow unions have refused to discuss the men's demand for revised shift arrangements until there was a return to work, and on that point the claimed a victory. the stewards

Mir Walter Allen, one of the stewards, told the mass meeting that there was total agree-ment with the other unions after talks the night before. He added: "The only probunions did not have a joint for-mula and said it would take months to get one."

British Airways said last

night that all long-distance flights would operate today and European services would be back to normal by tomorrow. Our Air Correspondent writes:
The 24-day dispute has cost
British Airways in round
figures 530m in lost tickets and bargaining rights outside the cargo, but it has saved £15m excepted procedure the men on fuel, landing and navigation charges and similar items.

The financial loss may affect profit for the current year and ability to buy new aircraft and And many of the 500,000

passengers who would have travelled on the five thousand flights that were cancelled may prefer to remain customers of foreign airlines and be lost to

Africans in Soweto shot by police From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, April 27

shot wounds today after police opened fire to disperse thousands of students and schoolchildren in Soweto, the sprawling African township outside Johannesburg. They were protesting against recently announced rent increases.

The police also used tear gas on a number of occasions to break up crowds, but on the

One beerhall was set on fire,

was slight. Children began gathering early today at five Soweto high schools—Nodedi, Morris Isaacson, Meadowlands, Diepkloof and Orlando—and then planned to march to Elkah stadium for a mass meeting in protest against the rent increases. The against the rent increases. The marches were organized by the Soweto Students Representative Council (SSRC), the organization behind last year's upheavals, which began as a student protest against the enforced use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction.

The police had clearly been Ine police nad clearly been informed of the students' plans and had taken up positions around the township early this morning. Mr Lekgan Mathabathe, principal of Morris lengen school where last Isnacson school where last year's unrest began, told me that large numbers of police were already assembled outside there at 7.30 this morning.

According to Mr Mathabathe, about 10,000 students were involved in today's protest.

About 2,000 of them gathered outside his school where they

outside his school where they were addressed by student leaders. They were told to urge



Three young Africans were admitted to hospital with gun-

appeared to be trying to avoid a repetition of last year's bloody upheavals in Soweto.

stones were thrown at the township's council offices, and several vehicles were attacked. But on the whole the damage

Mr Robert Horne, joint chairman of the men's outfitters, in his Ferrari at RAF Fairford yesterday, where he broke Sir Malcolm Campbell's 170.6mph British land speed record of 1926 for the flying mile with an average of 191.64mph.

Whitehall under scrutiny after errors in spending estimates

A management team from the Civil Service Department has Service Department has begun an examination of the Home Office finance division after an investigation by the Commons Select Committee of Public Accounts which criti-cized "a chapter of accidents" in its control of public expendi-

The Home Office has applied to Parliament for seven excess votes in the past two years because of errors in its spending estimates. In his evidence to the committee Sir Arthur Peterson, permanent secretary and accounting officer, admitted he had "been very much concerned about the effectiveness of our financial organization".

The largest excess vote in the financial year 1975-76 arose in Home Office administration of justice and legal services and amounted to £4,193,388. Of that Continued on page 6, col 4 by "human error" on the part who had failed to notify his superiors of a large payment which endangered the departmenr's estimates.

For several years there have been delays in transmitting financial information on demand-related services such as legal aid from the courts to the Chancellor's department, which gathers returns on behalf of the Home Office. An arrangement is being introduced which should reduce the delay from three months to

A turther £1,234,450 community services had to be provided by Parliament after an expected grant from the EEC had failed to arrive in time for inclusion in the 1975-76 returns. The unexpected need to top up the BBC pension fund led to another excess vote of

four weeks.

sharper awareness of the The Treasury is using the Home Office to try out its new financial information system, which provides monthly profiles of current spending as an "early warning" to supplement standquarterly Home Office is regarded as an илиsually hard case. Four fifths

of its total budget of £1,630m much of which is open-ended, is incurred by local authorities, and the variety of its depart-mental responsibilities requires 600 separate spending items to

be monitored and controlled.

An interim report from the Civil Service Department team recommends that Home Office control of spending and man-power should be more closely linked. Its final report, which should be completed in the summer, will include a case study of prison service finance and a comparison of Home Office methods with those of

Hopes of capping

runaway oil well

The team of Texas experts on the oil platform Bravo in the North Sea abandoned their

attempts to cap the blowout

yesterday but hope to be suc-cessful today Page 5

Namibia talks

with West open

leaders at Downing Street

Talks between Western envoys and the South African Prime Minister on the future of

Namibia (South-West Africa)

Sir Arthur has sent a minute to Home Office officials urging

Cut in income tax may come before pay deal

Slow progress in getting agreement on new pay restraints is gradually edging the Government towards a position where it will have to grant the "conditional" cut in the standard rate of income tax to 33 per cent before getting a firm deal with the unions.

It may find a solution to its difficulty by allowing the cut in the tax rate and offering an additional tax cut later in the year, perhaps in the autumn, to give itself a bargaining counter.

The main trouble facing the Government is that the timetables of Parliament and the TUC have got out of phase. In order to insert the necessary amendments to the Finance Bill into the report stage the Government will have to work them in by early July under the normal procedure, whereas there seems little prospect of getting the unions to reach a firm agreement by then.

However, the Government hopes that it will have made enough progress towards getting the concept of a deal accepted to be able to justify the tax concessions while maintaining that it has not climbed down from its earlier "condi-tionality".

finence the unions after giving away the £1,000m involved in cutting the standard rate. There is always the stick of a new Budget in the autumn to take away the concessions if pay talks break down, coupled with the possibility of being able to offer new concessions in an

The Government may well find that its new forecast for the economy, to be prepared late next month, will show that its borrowing during the coming year will be less than the £8,500m predicted

If that happens, the Chancellor might make more tax cuts without breaking the terms of the loan of \$3,900m (£2,280m) from the International Monetary Fund. Officials of the fund are expected to visit Britain late in May and will discuss the latest Treasury projections for the есопошу.

If they are satisfied that there is room for a tax cut and the Chancellor thinks it would help to cement a deal with the unions it could go ahead later in the year. It might provide a means to reduce inflation quickly through cutting indirect taxes or an extra cut in income

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Two-tier scheme for British citizenship

Home Affairs Correspondent

New nationality laws, introducing two separate categories Government might break the International Convention on Reduction of Statelessness, Mrs Ann Dummett, a technical adviser on the subject, said yes-

conference on behalf of the Action Group on Immigration and Nationality, year by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, the National Council for Civil Liberties and the National Association of Community Relations Councils.

The Government suggests in a Green Paper, published ves-terday, that the present citizen-ship of the United Kingdom and colonies might be replaced with two new categories: British cinzenship for those who have close ties with Britain; and British overseas citizenship, for other persons who are now citizens or the United Kingdom and colonies. Only British citizens would have an unqualified right of free entry to the United

Mrs Dummet, adviser to the action group, said many children would be born stateless. The Runnymede Trust, which joined in criticism of the Goverument suggestions, said British citizenship was sugges-ted for all colonial citizens in

Sotheby Parke Bernet Group, the fine art auctioneer founded

in 1744, will be offering a block of its shares to the public

this summer in an issue which should value the company at

considerably more than £10m.

The timing of the offer will

be dependent on prevailing Stock Exchange conditions but,

Mr Peter Spira, finance

director, calculated yesterday that June or July will be likely dates when Southeby has

the big July auctions.

sessed the probable impact of

An accurate valuation of the

share offer price will rely heavily on the forecast of

By Ray Maughan

Financial Staff

Sotheby Parke Bernet to

go public in the summer

places as different as Gibraltar the Pitcairn Islands and Hongkong, and for those citizens now in East Africa, India and elsewhere who had no connexion with any colony or with the United Kingdom.

"This latter group", it said,
"will be unable to transmit the
status to their children, with the result that their children will in many cases become stateless." It was not clear what rights British overseas citizens as a whole would have except the opportunity to apply for a passport. Many would be without the right of residence or employment anywhere in the world.

The Government line is that no one would become stateless and the suggested change in the law would not breach its obligation under the inter obligation under the international convention.

The trust said: "The scheme might damage foreign and Commonwealth relations."

The action group said: the proposals would do nothing to restore the rights of citizent removed by successive immigration legislation or the confidence of black communities in the Government's will to remove

discrimination.

The new scheme would need consultation with the European Economic Community because of regulations allowing freedom

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with Christie's International

the quoted fine art group which is currently valued at £14.3m on the Stock Exchange.

Sotheby's share capital now comprises 10,000 5p shares, but after a restructure there may well be 10 million in issue. At

present they are virtually impossible to obtain, though they last changed hands at £56

each and the staff have been

Stock Exchange permission has been obtained to issue less than the usual 35 per cent of

the restructured capital because

there are already more than

Trade is now "buoyant",

keen buyers.

200 shareholders.

Secret plans on Ulster strike

The Government has drawn up secret plans to cope with the protest action threatened by Protestant extremists in Northern Ireland next week. The United Ulster Unionist group at Westminster has threatened the Rev Ian Paisley with expulsion if he continues to take part in organizing the Ulster strike

cause complaint

Dissatisfaction over material living standards has increased greatly in the past four years, and support for an incomes policy has fallen, a public opinion survey shows. The working classes are more likely than the middle classes to feel that they need more money. Page 4

gets job back

was dismissed because he re-fused to join the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association on religious grounds has been reinstated by an industrial : b: al Page 4

was justified

A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned at an inquest at Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on William Thomas Hughes, was shot by police officers. Hughes killed four people after escaping from custody while on remand

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Why Mr Hetherington resigned from Beaverbrook

By Sheila Black

light in the story of the short-lived dismissal of Mr Jocelyn Stevens from the board and the job of chief executive of Beaverbrook Newspapers.

It began on March 26, when Mr Maxwell Aitken, who was appointed managing director of Beaverbrook last Friday, saw his father, Sir Max Aitken, chairman of the group. Mr Aitken then sought out and met Mr Peter Hetherington, joint deputy chairman of Beaverbrook

Mr Aithen said he did not think that Mr Stevens should continue as chief executive and added, in response to a query from Mr Hetherington, that Mr Aitken himself should run the group.

Further facts have come to sent for Mr Hetherington and ight in the story of the short. the Beaverbrook group. He eventually decided on a new management structure that would involve two joint managing directors, one of them his son, to be directly responsible to himself. Sir Max told Mr Aitken, Mr A. N. Dyer, another Eeaverbrook director, and Mr Hetherington to ask Mr Stevens for his reciprocal. for his resignation.

On April 5 the three directors, as instructed by Sir Max, met Mr Stevens shortly after his return from holiday. Mr Stevens insisted on dismissal by the full board and asked for Mr Hetherington, who 21 no

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have begun and there are signs that Mr Vorster may meer some of the objections being raised the present independence plans for the territory Page 6 Newham decision: A meeting Magnificent House of Newham, North-east Labour Party, where Mr Prentice is MP is to be convened by the party's executive, possibly in June, and Labour's national agent will conduct the constituency's day-to-day affairs 2 Summit talks: Youth unemployment will be a main issue at next month's meeting of world By-elections: Our Political Editor assesses the prospects in today's polling at Grimsby and Ashfield Safer contraceptive: The Family Planning Association is to recommend doctors to prescribe the new low-dose contraceptive pill 4 Damascus: President Assad warns Israel that Syria will acquire nuclear weapons if Finnjet: A three-page Special Report looks at a new concept in maritime transport. 13-15

Baader-Meinhof defence plea made in hotel

From Dan van der Vat Eonn, April 27

Lawyers representing the three surviving defendants in the Baader-Meinhof terrori in trial in Stuttgart today made their final statements on behalf of the accused in the conference room of an hotel in the city.

This unique and judicially irrelevant procedure should be the last of the extraordinary senes thrown up by this case in the two years it has been funning. The court is expected to deliver its verdict tomorrow. The defence te. . have boy-

the accused and said today that they would probably appeal in

the event of convictions. galities and dubious procedures. The court had been biased and the judges prejudiced (in January, the original president of the court was discharged from the case by his fellow-judges the ground of suspected hias).

The lawyers said that their clients were not "ordinary criminals" but victims of psycotted the last lap of the trial chological warfare. They counsel since March 17, when the futice authorities admitted having bagged conversations between them and their clients.

But they still claim to represent genocide in Vietnam" and therefore a form of emergency

The bombings killed four The four counsel argued that American soldiers and injured the bugging had destroyed the many other people. The prosedefence in a case full of ille- cution has asked for life imprisonment for all three defendants-Andreas Baader, aged 34, Gudrun Ensslin, 36, and Jan-Carl Raspe, 32. The defence team chosen by

the accused have been replaced by lawyers appointed by the court who have sat in on the case from the beginning but have been ignored by the defendants. The dock-brief defendants. counsel themselves demanded that the case should be stopped because of irregularities. The chosen lawyers used

language.

broken the law throughout the trial. Politicians, the judicial authorities and part of the press had prejudged the case public-ly, against the accused, they asserted, and the political background to the charges had been suppressed. The prosecution had demonstrated openly its wish to ein-minate the defendants, "to

and contempt against them." The lawyers demanded an and to the isolation of the accused in prison. They had been on hunger strike ever since the disclosure of the bugging, and unless their conditions were improved, a life sentence

dehumanize them, to vilify them

heavily on the forecast of Mr Peter Wilson, chairman, profits of the financial year to declared yesterday, "and it is end-August, 1977, and, inevitably, comparisons will be made now 20 per cent up on last year. claimed that the authorities had talks; Prodence Glynn

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and to arouse hate, revulsion Overseas News Books Business Church

£70m tankers deal for Belfast shipbuilders

Harland & Wolff, the stateowned Belfast shipyard, has
won an order worth between
the petroleum gas carriers. It
is the first new order for the
large since 1974 and will provide chies will converge to the state. The is the first new order for the yard since 1974 and will provide jobs for 2,000 workers at a time ships will incorporate new tech-nology, and the order will raise morale in Northern Ireland, when the yard is running out of morale in Northern Ireland, work. The carriers have been where there is high unemploy-

Living standards

Railway worker

A British Rail employee who

Hughes killing

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Big increase in dissatisfaction and declining support for pay restraint shown in survey

By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent

Public support for an income policy has greatly declined in Britain, but there has been a revolution of falling expectations over pay, according to the results of a national survey published in New Society today.

The magazine commissioned Opinion Research Centre to question the British on their attitudes to money and work. The pai was based on a representative quota sample of 1,081 adults, interviewed throughout the country last month. The results were compared with those of a similar survey carried out in 1973.

An article written by Mr shomas Forester interprets the nutcome as indicating that the British are "remarkably unambitious in a material sense". Very few sincerely want to

be rich", it says. "Most people in Britain neither want nor expect a great deal more money. Even if they could get it, the vast majority do not seem pre-pared to work harder for it: most of our respondents thought that we should work only as much as we need to live a plea-

"What is more, the British seem to have lowered their sights still further since 1973. More in 1977 than four years ago are dissatisfied with their

great increase in dissatisfaction. In 1973 nearly a fifth said that they were near the top of the scale of material satisfaction. compared with only one in 20 today. The proportion feeling that they are at the bottom has

Poor are penalized by the tax system, book says

Tax has become an engine of poverty in Britain, according to a book published today. The first principle that the poor should be exempt has been sacrificed to political expediency and the need for extra revenue, so that people now start paying tax even when their earnings are below the official

poverty line. The authors argue that root-and-branch reform of the tax system is needed, and that per-sonal allowances should be replaced with a specific exemp-

Those earning less than the limit would pay no tax, and the limit would be withdrawn gradually as incomes rose. On £1,000, for example, a single peson would qualify for full exemption, but the exemption would fall to £333 a year on £3,000, and there would be no exemption above £4,000.

The starting rate of taxation would be 10 per cent, rising in steps of 10 per cent on each £1.000 of income to a suggested

maximum of 75 per cent. At the rates proposed, the authors say, the single person on the average wage would be no vere off, while those below average would be better off. Those with earnings above average would be worse off, but the author says the changes would do no more than bring relative tax liabilities closer to what

It suggests that changes in attitudes to unequal rewards in society are necessary. "Tax reform must go hand in hand with social and economic changes designed to achieve a faire distribution of national

resources." To Him Who Hath: A Study of Poterty and Taxation (Frank Field, Molly Meacher and Christo-pher Pond; Penguin Books, £1).

On 6 April three further

important provisions of the

came into force.

Employment Protection Act

Itemised Pay Statements and

Time off for Public Duties.

Maternity Pay

Since 1 June 1976

a working woman

expecting a baby

has possessed two

rights under the Act

protection against dismissal because of

pregnancy, and the

right to return to her job once the baby is

The new provision

pregnancy, provided that:-

the baby is due.

the Maternity Pay Fund.

gives her a third right. She is entitled to claim maternity pay

i. she is employed full-time or part-time

ii. she has worked for her employer for

so up to the eleventh week before

Part-time employees who work between 8 and 16 hours a week may also

qualify for Maternity Pay when they have

Employers can recover the amount

been with the same employer for 5 years.

of maternity pay specified in the Act from

All employees, with certain exceptions

Itemised Pay Statements

detailed in leaflet number 8, are now

entitled to itemised pay statements.

Details of the gross and net amount of

at least two years and continues doing

from her employer for the first six

weeks of her absence because of

for at least 16 hours a week:

These are Maternity Pay,

those feeling that they deserve to enjoy the top level of material satisfaction have failen

from nearly a half to a quarter. People were asked: "How much extra money, if any, would you say you and members of your household need to come in each week in order to live without money workes?"

The number saying that they do not need any more has nearly halved, from 32 per cent in 1973 to 17 per cent now. But when the 1977 cash demands are converted to 1973 prices, it appears that most people are now asking for less money. The proportion asking for £20 or more a week, in 1973 terms, has

Young people are materially more ambitious than the old. Working-class respondents were less likely than the middle class to say that they did not need any more money. But whereas most unskilled manual workers tended to ask for only a little more, more than half the skilled manual workers said they needed anextra £15 a week or more. Nearly a third of professional and managerial people said they did not need any more; but the rest tended to want a lot more.

The Scots were the most likely of the regional groups to say they needed more money, and they also stood out from the rest in being optimistic

about getting it. Most people tended to put Britain itself lower on the scale of material standards than their own position. "Respondents seem to be saying that the country is going to the dogs, but they themselves are not doing too badly", the magazine

Roughly equal numbers think that income policy will, or will not, make Britain a fairer place to live in, and about a quarter say that they do not know. That compares with three fifths for, and just over a fifth against, four years ago.

Employment Protection Act.

These important

provisions are

now in force.

Molemity Poy

wage or salary must be

and variable deductions

given, together with

the amount of fixed

and the purposes for

which they are made.

Time off for

Public Duties

public positions should be

Employees who hold certain

permitted reasonable time

off to carry out their

relevant duties, but

the employer is not

obliged to pay for this

time off. This provision

applies to employees

who are Justices of the Peace; members of

managing or governing

boards of specified

educational establishments; members of

statutory tribunals, and

authorities, regional or area

members of local

health authorities and water authorities.

Leaflet number 12 gives details of this

provision together with a list of certain

groups of employees who are excluded.

The introduction of these three

the whole of the Employment Protection

Employment Office, Jobcentre or

Unemployment Benefit Office.

Act is now in force.

more productive.

important provisions means that practically

Leaflets giving details of individual

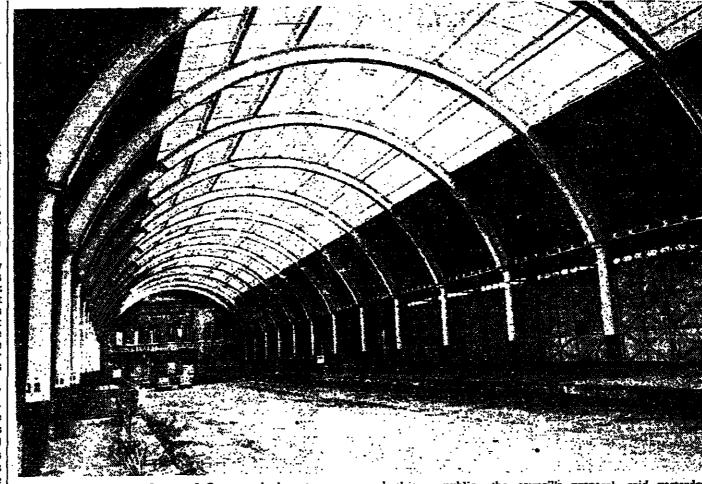
provisions are available from your nearest

The Employment Protection Act aims to create a climate in which

employers and employees can work

more closely together, and so make

British industry and commerce



Ferminus's future: The future of Green Park station at Bath (above), a grade-two listed Victorian railway terminus, which went out of use in 1966, may be clarified today (Michael Horsnell writes). The Historic Buildings Council will decide

inquiry should be set up to consider a request by the city council, which owns the station, to demolish the train shed. Major Anthony Crombie, a trustee of the

the council's proposal, said yesterday: "Demolition of the shed would impair the architectural merit of the station and put the entrance hall at risk of demolition. The value of the building is in its

New birth pill proposed for safety

we men taking the contraceptive pill are are likely to be put on the new and it is hoped, safer low-dose varieties in the coming months, thanks to a recent decision by the Family Planning

The association has decided no longer to recommend doctors to prescribe the higher-dose contraceptive pills containing 50 micrograms of oestrogen, which are taken by most women.

Although the latter will still be aproved by the association it is to tel doctors that the newer low-dose varieties con-taining 30 mg of oestrogen are to be preferred. Experience with the 30mg industry.

Hundreds of thousands of pills in the four years they have been on the market has shown that they are as effective as the older type in stopping pregnancy. Bu medical experts believe, although they cannot yet prove it, that the 30mg pills will prove safer, carrying a lesser risk of fatal thromboses (b'ore clots) and other com-(bloor clots) and other complications.

The decision was taken recently by the association's medical advisory panel, which includes many of Britain's leading experts on the pill.

The recommendation has no official backing, but the associ-ation's list of "preferred" products carries great weight vith doctors and the drug

Schools should play a more

vigorous part in morale

education, the British Humanist

Association says in its contri-

bution to the Government's

Otherwise "the gap between

personal behaviour and the values upon which every society

depends—honesty, trust, mutuality, concern, &c-will continue to widen. Corruption in high places, destructiveness, irresponsibility, and lack of

of this gap", the association

Many people were now morally lost. The only values

consistently put before young people were commercial and

exploitative.
Mrs Williams, Secretary of

State for Education and Science, has finished taking

submissions and she and her staff are drafting the Green

Paper, which is expected to be published in July. Some observers are convinced that

the first draft was completed

several months ago. On Tuesday Mrs Williams

By a Staff Reporter

" great debate".

Vital role for schools in

restoring moral values

At present 57 per cent (about 1.800,000) of Britain's 3,200,000 women taking the pill use the higher-dose varieties. Many of them are now likely to be transferred to the 30mg brands when their prescriptions come up for renewal.

The association emphasized yesterday that women on the Omg pills have no cause for

The higher dose 50mg pill became the norm after 1969 when the Committee on Safety of Drugs advised that pills with more than that amount of oestrogen should be prescribed only in special cases because of the risk of thrombosis.

Yesterday's decision is likely to make the 30mg pill the norm.

met leaders of all the teachers'

unions and invited them to give their final comments on a pro-

posed list of topics to be included in the Green Paper.

The intention of the meeting

was evidently to help to meet

the inevitable criticism once the

paper is published, a union

The National Union

training courses. Predictably, however, the National Associa-

tion of Teachers in Further and

Higher Education, which repre-sents most of the teachers in teacher-training colleges, did

leachers opposed

school.

Pigeon post plan for blood tests

A plan to use pigeons to carry blood samples for urgent analysis has been devised by Mrs Hilary Sanders, a work study officer with the South

A specimen of blood will be carried soon by a parhfinding pigeon on a test flight from Devonport Hospital, Plymouth, to the central haematology and pathology laboratories, miles away.

Part of a specimen needing urgent analysis would be attached to a pigeon and released. When it entered the laboratory loft it would break a photo-electric cell to alert technicians. Devonport staff would telephone to the laboratory to say that a specimen was in the air. If it should not arrive, or was damaged, another pigeon would be launched with the retained portion of the

leader suggested.
Almost half the meeting was devoted to an argument over the degree of control the Department of Education and Science should have over school curricula. Mrs Williams spoke of a possible new review body r torut ot

interference, but all the unions visibility. agreed that curricula should be more realistically attuned to the jobs the children were likely to do after leaving Most of them also agreed that the department should have more say in the content of

Detectives have been called to Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire, to try to trace the source of soft drugs found by teachers.

Weston Regional Health Authority at Plymouth.

A report by Mrs Sanders, accepted in principle by the Plymouth health district, has considered the capital costs of 12 birds, a loft costing £220, and £50 a year for feed.

get to Devonport Rospital and another 10 minutes to get to the laboratory. A pigeon is the laboratory. A pigeon is expected to take less than five minutės.

Drugs found at school

The union called for Mr Lloyd's dismissal after he had refused to join it. The local branch said yesterday: "He will be the only non-union member among 700 clerical workers, although we are operating a closed shop."

By Kenneth Gosling

Mrs Sanders looked into the cost of using taxis for carrying specimens between hospitals and found that the district's bill was £25,000 km year, in-cluding £4,000 for Devonport Hospital. She predicts a save at other developments syming of £1,000 a year for the pathetically, possibly in the bospital; the whole amount area of film production." would not be saved because the birds would not fly in poor

Grant provides **Bristol** with a film centre

Closed-shop dismissal overruled by

Mr Arthur Lloyd, aged 54 who was dismissed by British Rail last June when he refused to join a union has

been given his job back by an

The tribunal at Leicester, ordered British Rail to reinstage Mr Lloyd, who refused to join the Transport Salaried

Staffs' Association because he

is a member of the Plymouth Brethren; a sect that forbids union membership.

For nearly two years the

unions have been operating a Lloyd, of Loughborough, said;

"I have been a member of the brethren all my life, and I rea-lize it must be embarrassing for the union but I must stand

firm with my religious connc.

"Although the union may be

angry I am going back to work as soon as I can and I will carry on as normal I do not

think my workmates will give me the cold shoulder." He has been with British Rail for 37 years and worked in the divi-sional manager's office in Non-

tribunal

industrial tribunal

A significant development in A significant development in the wider use of the British Film Institute's resources was announced yesterday with the creation at Bristol of the primary phase of what is claimed to be the first film centre outside Lordon

side London.

It was made possible by a capital grant from the film institute of £31,750 and a contribution to the running costs for 1977-78 of £15,000. They enabled the film operations of the Bristol Arts Centre and the Arnolfini Cinema to merge. The immediate effect will be

duplication of previous years and allow greater public access to a wider variety of films.

Similar film developments may be provided in Birming.

ham, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Norwich, Edinburgh and possibly in Cardiff and Liverpool. Mr Keith Lucas, director

the film institute, said: "The intention is to make available outside London film facilities and resources presently only to be found in the London area. I hope we shall be able to look

There will be provision Bristol for a lecture and discussion programme, a film reference library and, eventually, a film workshop and individual viewing facilities for film study.

Public help refused

A request for £25,000 from public funds by Friends of the Earth, the conservation group, to put its case at the Winscale inquiry in June was refused by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday.

Three men are ordered to forfeit £25,000

Three men were each ordered to forfeit £25,000 at Highbury Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday when it was stated that a man facing charges under rhe Exchange Control Act was still in Switzerland and had failed to appear.

Chaskel Rand, a property con-sultant, of Queen Elizabeth Walk; Simon Tesslar, an accountant, of Portland Avenue; and Milson Grosse, a property manager, of Gi ler Crescent, all Stoke Newington, had each entered into the £25,000 recog-nizance at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on February 11 for the appearance of Mr Rand's cousin, Chaskel Rand, aged 58, a commercial director, of King's Cross Road, to appear

at Highbury Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

Counsel for Mr Rand, the surety, said his client had received a telegram from the missing man in Switzerland on missing man in Switzerland on Monday, saying that he had flown there because his wife was ill. The surery had told the police and asked to be stood

Mr Tesslar said he first knew of Mr Rand's disappearance when he was told by the surety on Monday afternoon. He suggested that the police should be told immediately. Mr Grosse said he hardly knew the defendant but had

been persuaded by the latter's cousin to stand as surety. Mr Grosse and Mr Tesslar were given three months to raise the money and Mr Rand was given 28 days.

Corot painting bought A landscape by Corot, "Peasants under the trees at dawn", has been bought by the National Gallery from the Paris firm of Daber.

Correction

The Central Transport Consultative Committee is opposed to the idea of withdrawing express coaches to help Inter-City trains, not in favour as stated on Tuesday.

Fare bilkers cost Merseyside dear

Liverpool

not approve.

A survey by the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive shows that about a tenth of its' revenue from bus fares is being ' lost each year because of the number of passengers who

The survey suggests that about £2.5m a year is being lost, and the executive is seek-ing powers through Parliament to impose what amounts to onthe spot fines of up to £1 for underpaying passengers. In a survey last year it was estimated that about £2m was being lost. The bus revenue totals £21.5m. Merseyside's attempts to get

Some places, such as Cardiff,

are imposing the sort of on the spot fines or "control fares" that the Merseyside executive is seeking. But the legality of these fines, which in the case of Cardiff are only a maximum of 30p, is being questioned. It is hoped that the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, if successful, will establish the pinks of the authorities to be right of the authorities to make

on the spot fines.

The Merseyside executive says that "control fares" would act as a strong enough deterrent greatly to reduce the present rate of underpaying. Mersey-

with great interest by other side is particularly vulnerable passenger transport undertak- to underpaying because 94 per ings all over the country. It is cent of its buses are one-man likely that if the powers are operated, and as a result it is granted to Mersevside many difficult to check fares against other areas will follow suit. There is little deterrent, the

Merseyside executive says, because if anyone is caught up paying the excess fare he has to pay is the same as or little more than the fare he should have paid. Merseyside has already faced opposition to its plans from several Labour MPs. There have

also been difficulties raised by also been difficulties raised by the Home Office and the De-partment of Transport. But if the Bill becomes law then underpaying passengers can ex-pect to be fined on the spot-not only in Merseyside but in many other parts of the country.

Police shot Hughes 'to save woman hostage?

From Arthur Osman Chesterfield The two police officers who

shot William Thomas Hughes, aged 34, who killed four members of a family at Eastmoor, Derbyshire, in January, said at an inquest at Chesterfield yesterday t hat they did so to save the life of his hostage, Mrs Gill Moran.

Supt Peter Howse, recently promoted from chief inspector, An all-male jury returned a

unanimous verdict of justifiunanimous verdict of justifiable homicide on Hughes, who had been on remand at Leicester Prison until he escaped from custody. They also decided that Richard Moran, aged 36, Sarah Bridger Moran, aged 10, and Mrs Moran's parents, Arthur Minton, aged 72, a nd Amy Minton, aged 7 0, had been mudered by Hughes. had been mudered by Hughes.

their sympathy would help to sustain Mrs Moran, who was not present at the inquest. The jury also hoped that Mr Howse, now a superintendent on attachment to the Home Office research branch, would be considered for a commenda-Superintendent Detective '

Peter Thomas described the police search, culminating in Hughes's death. He said that after the police car Hughes had forced two officers to lantry in trying to persuade hand over had crashed, there Hughes to give up, said: "She was a shot and he lept forward wild not have been alive today if we had not taken the course we did." putting his arm across to protect Mrs Moran "Hughes was in a state of frenzy and completely berserkl was grappling trying to get the axe he There were more shots and he stiffened and shuddered and fell across Mrs Moran inspector Frank Peli said

that when Hughes continued attacking Mrs Moran he fired three shots and Detective con-stable Alan Nicholls fired one. Hughes collapsed. .

Freedom for wife who killed 'tyrannical' man

Mrs Mabel Bangert, who killed her husband by stabling him repeatedly in the back as he went to strack their crippled son, left Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, yesterday after receiving a two-year jail sentence, suspended for two years, for marslaughter. manslaughter.

Mr Justice Milmo told her: "You have lived your life with a tyrangical, violent and cruel husband. Your provocation was as severe as any I have come

Mrs Bangert, aged 50. killed Hugh Bangert, aged 52, with whom she had lived for 30 years, when he picked up a typewriter to strike their para-lysed son, aged 29, in his wheelchair, the court was told

She dragged her husband to their van and drove to a beauty spot, where she concealed his body beneath the grass and bracken near her home, Mr David Waddington, QC, for the

prosecution, said. A reacter at play with his children found the body.

Mrs. Bangert, of Coniscon.

Road, Lancaster, confessed and showed the police frozmen. showed the police fromen where she had thrown the knife into the river Lune. . . :

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HOME NEWS.

By-election trends make Grimsby seem vulnerable, but Labour likely to retain Ashfield

Labour leaders and purty managers have to prepare them. selves for the probability that fortable Labour majority in today's by-election they will lose Grimsby, a constituency they won from the Conservatives in 1945 and have held ever since. They can fairly confidence to blur the public the reckned a match for his mining and textile constituency of Ashfield.

Grimsby, vacant by the death of Mr Anthony Crosland, the former Foreign Secretary, must be regarded as vulnerable if the

the seat to the Conservatives, and it has to be remembered that Mr Crosland took over necessary for a Conservative Grimsby as a "marginal" and triumph. turned it into a reasonably com-

impression of a government in decline by holding on to their seat in the Nottinghamshire reckoned a match for the content of t servative candidate as an authservative cammonie as an auto-ority on the fishing industry, for Mr Robert Blair has spent a lifetime in the local freezing

recent by-election swings be-tween the two main parties prevail. A two-party swing of less than 8 per cent would give in Ashfield, a constituency remarkable for the steadiness of its voting habits, a Labour defeat is barely credible. It is one of Labour's safest mining In Ashfield, a constituency

There may be a local sense grievance that the former abour MP Mr David Labour MP Mr David Marquand, preferred to join Mr Roy Jenkins in Brussels rather than to serve a party that had given him a seat safe for a lifetime, but it will not weigh much now that it has one of its own country councillors, Michael Cowan, to fill the

General election General election:
Grimsby: C. A. R. Crosland (Lab)
21,657; K. C. Brown (C) 14,675;
D. M. Rigby (L) 9,487;
McElrea (Ind Dem Lab) 166. Lab
majority, 6,982.
Ashfield: D. I. Marquand (Lab)
35,367; R. N. Kemm (C) 12,452;
H. C. Flint (L) 7,959. Lab
majority, 22,915.

Lord Mountbatten's career: Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mountbatten of Burma, the Duke of Edinburgh's uncle, was the subject of This Is Your Life, the commercial television programme, last night. It lasted an hour. Lord Mountbatten, who is 76,

reviewed his eventful and distinguished career, guided by Eamonn Andrews, the compere. He is seen above with Mr Jackie Coogan, the actor (centre) and Mr Andrews.
Lord Mountbatten met four members of

manded and which was torpedoed during the Second World War. Friends from show business who greeted him include Dame Vera Lyun, the singer, and Mr Danny Kaye, the actor.

instruct him in that way. Decree against banker

In brief

can alter its rules.

Actor to pursue

appeal to Lords

Mr Marius Goring, the actor, said yesterday that he was going ahead with his appeal to the House of Lords against a Court of Appeal decision about the

way Equity, the actors' union,

After its meeting on Monday the union's council instructed

Mr Goring to withdraw his per-

sonal appeal. He said he did not accept that it had the right to

Mrs Rosemary de Laszlo, former wife of Group Captain Peter Townsend, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court yesterday against her husband, John, a banker. The suit was not contested.

Bail for demonstrators

Twenty-six people were remanded on bail by magistrates in London yesterday on charges arising out of a National Front march in Wood

Influenza kills 24

Twenty-four patients have died from influenza in the past three weeks in geriatric wards at St Michael's Hospital, Aylsham. Norfolk.

Prison attack

Commonwealth stamp

ference in London in June.

The local elections 8: Challenge by Tories in West Yorkshire

Labour defends record

By Ronald Kershaw

In West Yorkshire Labour at present holds 49 of the 88 sears available. The Conservaseas available. The Conserva-tives have 25, the Liberals 10, independents two, and there are two vacancies, both form-erly held by Labour.

Bearing in mind national rends towards the right, the Conservatives are convinced that there will be a 10 to 11 per cent swing in their favour mong the 1.500,000 voters. That, they say, will be sufficient to wrest control from

Labour is prepared to stand by its record during the three ears since 1974. Tight control yer spending, it maintains, as produced one of the lowest the demands on householders that the nation's hig metro-thian areas. Over the past to years, it is pointed out, that a tenth rabile with less that a tenth rabile with less

in the Leeds number ten area, and in Wakefield number two area, believe it or not, a Democrative group on the county council, is quick to according to the past two years and to emphasize that in the three years since 1974, shough the level of services provided by the county council has deteriorated, rates have increased by a quarter. has deteriorated, rates have in-creased by a third and have become an intolerable burden

m some people. Many tenants, he says, are of tourism and outdoor recre-paing more in rates than in ation among other things.

The Conservatives are cash-ing in on national shortcom-

n a tendency to work towards full-time councillors. Many of them, he says, seem to have no difficulty in getting time off to attend meetings.

All that will change if the Conservatives take control. Their plan is to change the committee structure. There are at present 10 standing commit-tees, each with a Labour Party advisory subcommittee. The Twy aim is to halve the standing committees and eliminate

subcommittees.
The Liberals' appeal is to common sense. They advocate administration of the country through devolved government, with elected regional authorities to replace county councils.

They deplore increasing central government interference in day-to-day local matters.
Whether such a line will attract votes is debatable.

There are 53 Liberal nomi-nations for the 88 seats. Predictably, Conservatives and Labour both have 88 caudi-dates. There are four independ-

Among the 76 "others", Leeds and Bradford as might now be expected, have produced a crop of National From candidates. By way of a change there is a "British National Party White Power Candidate" in the Leeds number ten area,

shire in Britain and Europe, a stronger consumer advice service, better policing, an end to dereliction and the extension of tourism and outdoor recre-

ing in on national shortcom-A highly charged subject is ings by the Labour Govern-the allowance paid to county ment on prices, jobs, taxes and countillors for attending meet-ings. Mr Batty says that during promise most of the local imthe past three years Labour provements contained in the Labour Party manifesto.

The Liberal approach have been taken from the master copy used by the other

As everybody appears to be offering almost the same advantages, if elected, it rather looks as though personalizes may predominate in West Yorkshire.

Next: West Midlands

Police inquiry into finances of a council

A senior detective last night has investigating the financial affairs of Rotherham Borough council, South Yorkshire, a month after the deputy finan-cial director had been jailed for obtaining more than £58,000 by deception from the council.

The investigation may involve huge sums, although it is not clear at this stage how much is attributable to mismanage.

ment and how much might lead to criminal charges. the investigation was lered by Mr Stanley Barratt, of Constable of South Yorkthire, who called in a detective chief superintendent from the

Greater Manchester force.
Last month Michael Alder deputy financial director, was issed at Sheffield Crown Court for 18 months after admining eight charges of obtaining by deception £58,329 of council money.

The inquiries are understood to centre on the council's financial effairs which were critical recently in a district aditor's report, which also suggested that the expense regressed that the expense claims of certain Rotherham

Runway repairs may lead to airport closure From a Staff Reporter

Manchester airport, which, with nearly three million passengers a year, is one of Britain's biggest outside London, will close for about two months in the autumn if recommendation to the author ity that runs it is accepted at a meeting tomorrow.

Night flights would have to be discontinued for five months. The airport is run by Greater

Manchester County Council and Manchester City Council.

The closure is suggested because the main runway needs extensive repairs and lengthening.

The runway, laid hurriedly

during the war, is starting to break up under increasing use by heavier aircraft. Its founda tions are unsuitable, drainage needs to be improved and levelling is needed near the touchdawn point to facilitate automatic landings.

A second runway, which has been under discussion, is no-where near being started and will probably be delayed because of the repairs. The

councillors were the highest in Former Haw Par chief's plea against extradition

Mr Richard Charles Tarling, fomer chairman of Haw Par Brothers International, who is lacing extradition to Singapore on 15 charges concerning the Haw Par group, had committed no offence under Singapore law, Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, sub-mitted, in the High Court

Yesterday.

Mr Bateson, for the defence of Mr Tarling, who is on bail pending his appeal against extradition, argued that four of the charges preferred against Mr Tarling under Singapore law would not even have got Past the door of the Director of Public Prosecutions in

Had Mr Tarling and other directors of the Haw Par group wanted to line their pockets they could have been extremely rich. Instead, they had set up ch. Instead, they had set up unit trust to uprevent that from happening.

Mr Tarling is applying to the Queen's Bench Divisional Court for a writ of habeas corpus to quash the extradition order made by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in January under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1967.

The court has refused the Singapore Government leave to apply for an order quashing the chief magistrate's refusal to order the extradition of Mr James Slater, the financier, on four charges concerning the affeirs of Haw Par.

Mr Bateson told Lord Justice Shaw, Mr Justice Nield and Mr Justice Stocker that four of the charges against Mr Tarling were identical with those preferred against Mr Slater. They alleged a conspiracy to commit a criminal breach of trust and a conspiracy to cheat and de-

The hearing continues today.

Reform of nuclear controls urged

By Our Science Editor
The reform of international controls on nuclear power is proposed in a paper published today by Dr Brian Johnson, of the International Institute for Environment and Development. The paper is a prelude to a series of international meetings on the subject.

The first is a private meeting in London starting today of the nuclear suppliers' group which includes government and industrial trial representatives of the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Japan and other countries. They will con-

sider President Carter's proposals to curtail the further spread through commercial programmes of plutonium, which could be turned to deson much larger conference starting on muclear fuel reprocessing.

sider President Carter's propo- the prospects for other energy

non-nuclear future, starts to-morrow in Salzburg at which Dr Johnson, Dr Robert Pollard, who resigned as project manager with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other scientists, engineers and environment should be.
specialists will examine the risks of nuclear proliferation, culty of safeguards radioactive waste disposal and counted-for material.

In his analysis, Whose power to choose? Dr Johnson says there is no prospect that nuclear power as an energy source might soon be abandoned. The question is how great the nuclear commitment He identifies the main diffi-

culty of safeguards as unac-

Fall in O-level standards not proved, report says

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By a Staff Reporter

There is evidence of an apparent decline in standards of CSE and GCE O-level candidates between 1968 and 1973, according to a Schools Council research study, published today. But it emphasizes that a decline can by no means be deemed can by no means be deemed proved on the basis of one study, in which many assump-tions have had to be made.

may have influenced achieve-ment statistics. study, in which many assumptions have had to be made.

Major factors were involved in the comparability study of CSE and GCE grading standwids:

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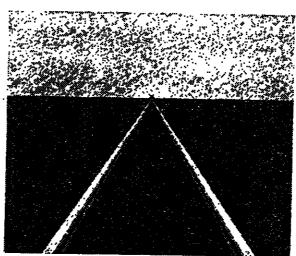
A prisoner from Wormwood Scrubs, London, was taken to hospital yesterday after an attack, believed to be with a razor, by another prisoner.

A 13p stamp will be issued to mark the Commonwealth con-

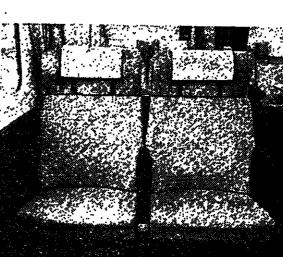
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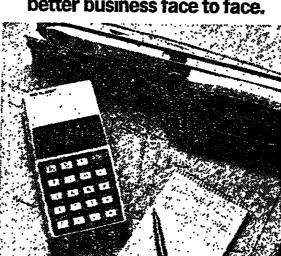
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A medical research team from Leeds University has monitored the heartbeats of 24 businessmen-measuring the stresses and strains imposed by travel, comparing driving a car and travelling by train.

Motorway: Leeds to London. Motorway incidents (rain, fog, overtaking) set hearts racing. Heartheat peaks ranged from 110 to 140 beats

per minute. Overall average: 93 beats.

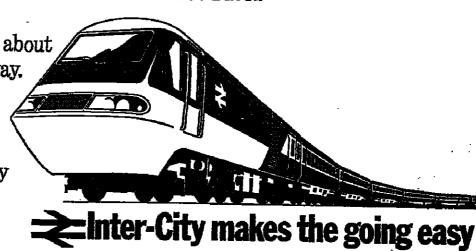
Inter-City: Leeds to London. During this fast two-hundred mile journey, heartheat

rates stayed low, around 70 beats per minute, rising to a maximum of 80. Average: 72 beats.

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makes good sense. And good sense makes good business. So go Inter-City soon.



From Geoffrey Dodd Copenhagen, April 27

A police escort was needed early today to enable copies of the Danish national daily Berlingske Tidende to be transported from the printing works. It was the third attempt by striking printers and their supporters to prevent distribution the newspaper since production started with non-union labour on Monday after almost three months of non-publica-

On Tuesday morning several policemen and demonstrators were injured in scuffles Today's demonstration was quite peace-ful. During the long wair, showers and a sharp wind cooled the pickets; and many of the demonstrators had gone home before police arrived to clear the streets and escort delivery lorries out of the build-

By producing a half-sized 16page newspaper in the normal
run of 150,000 copies without
the use of union printers, the
management has concluded that
it does not need all the 1,000
printers it employed until the
conflict broke out on January
30, even though other Berlingske publications are not
being produced at the moment.
This aspect has not been lost

This aspect has not been lost on union leaders, who said today that they are to meet representatives for the publishers tonight to discuss points of the dispute.

10 exposed to radiation at nuclear plant

La Coruña, April 27.--An accident today at a nuclear power plant under construction near La Coruña exposed at least 10 people to radioactivity, the Spanish news agency Cifra said. It said a radioactive plate used as a source of energy was left out of its protective container. None of those exposed had been seriously affected.

Later a statement issued by the state company building the £225m plant said a failure in the security system of the gammagraphy equipment had caused the emission of radiation to the exterior of the container.

Vorster concessions on Namibia likely as envoy begins talks

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg, April 27

OVERSEAS____

Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, opened talks on the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) with representatives from five Western nations in Cape Town today amid signs that his Government is prepared to go some way to meet their demands.

The Western nations-Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada-want to stop South Africa implementing Namibia's independence based on a constitution prepared by the multi-ethnic Turnhalle con-

Instead they are calling for United Nations-supervised elections, the withdrawal of South African troops from the territory, and the involvement of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) in the independence process.

South Africa, on the other hand, maintains that the people of the territory alone should or the territory alone should decide their future. It has so far opposed holding direct talks with Swapo, as Swapo is demanding, but is prepared to permit Turnhalle representatives negotiating with Swapo.

Although little has been said publicly about the Cape Town

talks, which are expected to last until the end of the week, South Africa is understood to be adopting a more flexible attitude in an attempt to ward off threatened sanctions by sentative at the United Nations, United Nations members. The and Sir David Scott, the British five nations—comprising the Ambassador to South Africa.

Western membership of the Security Council—have intimated they might not be prepared to use their veto to pre-vent sanctions being applied if South Africa presses on with the Turnhalle scheme.

According to sources close to today's meeting, Mr Vorster is prepared to consider elec-tions in which Swapo would participate as well as delegates from the Turnhalle talks, but under supervision by the Western nations rather than the United Nations.

A more intractable problem, however, is the question of the large number of South African troops in the northern part of the territory. If they were withdrawn, the South Africans believe Swapo guerrillas operating from Angola would quickly take control of the populous northern homelands of Ovambo, Kavango and Caprivi. Yet it would not be possible to hold genuinely free elections so long genuinely free elections so long as South African troops re-main there. It is unilkely that any of the Western nations would want to commit troops

The Western side is being lead by Mr Don McHenry, a black American diplomat who is deputy to Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations. The British delegation includes Mr James Murray, a senior repre-sentative at the United Nations,

Poisoning of Patriotic Front commander denied

Diplomatic Correspondent

A report that one of the comguerrilla forces operating against Rhodesia, Mr Rex Nhongo, has been poisoned by a colleague is false, according to an African source in London.

Mr Nhongo is in the camps and is expected back in Maputo in a day or two, Mr Kunbirai Kangai, a senior member of the Patriotic Front, said yesterday. The report in The Times yesterday came from enemies of the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) revolu-tion, he added, and from imperial agents masquerading under the cloak of nationalism.

Mr Kangai also confirmed the

Patriotic Front's opposition to taking part in a constitutional conference on Rhodesia, as proposed by Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, if the United States was included. "We do not see any reason

"We do not see any reason why the Americans should come in", he said. "It is a colonial issue which should be handled by the British Government." It would not change the Front leaders' minds, Mr Kangai went on, if Britain convened a conference without the Patriotic Front.
British and American officials

met in London yesterday, to discuss the prospects for a con-ference on Rhodesia. The meeting is part of the continuing consultations between London and Washington.



Soweto adults go to work as children protest

their parents not to pay the rent increases which are due to come into effect on May 1. Later they attempted to join students congregating in other parts of Soweto but were dispersed by police tear gas.

Larger groups of pupils from Naledi and Meadowlands schools were also dispersed by schools were also dispersed by tear gas after they had started marching. They carried placards saying "Away with high rents", "We will not pay", and "Mulder is mad"—a reference to Mr Mannie Mulder, chairman of the West Rand Bantu Administration Board, which is responsible for running Soweto and the decision to increase rents.

At Elkah stadium, police

At Elkah stadium, police wearing camouflage uniforms and equipped with shields and helmets, also tried to disperse the crowds with tear gas. But after talks with student leaders they agreed they could continue their meeting so long as there was no violence. When a group tried to interfere with police vehicles they were stopped by senior students.
Mr Dan Montsiri president of

the SSRC, insisted that the demonstration was a peaceful one but warned the police that interference could lead to a confrontation. Colonel J. P. Visser, the Soweto police chief who took on the post after last year's black unrest, said his men would take action only if property

threatened.

The first serious violence broke out around midday when the students marched on the offices of the Urban Baaru Council (UBC), which has nominal powers to represent Soweto residents. Students smashed windows with stones and bottles after they had been angered by the presence of a white camerathe presence of a white camera-man taking their photographs from inside the building.

The UBC is a largely discredited organization in Soweto both among students and many of their parents. The SSRC to-day called on council members to resign, pointing out that UEC had prior knowledge of the proposed renr increases and bad not opposed them.

people who will have to pay the higher rents-went to work in Johannesburg as normal ,ignoring calls for a work boycott. Attempts to hold a meeting of rent-payers in one of the township's stadia were thwarted by a Johannesburg magistrate who placed a ban on the meeting.

The demonstrations were the first serious disturbances in Sowero since the beginning of this year. Faced with spiralling inflation and growing unemployment together with tough police action against would-be "trouble-makers", most of Soweto's one million residents have been trying to avoid a repetition of last years riots and work horootts.

and work boycotts.

However the proposed rent increases will place an intolerable burden on many Soweto families, particularly the lower paid, who are already faced with the prospect of a 20 per cent increase in the cost of maize, their staple diet. According to the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, the minimum Today's demonstrations cost of maintaining a family of almost exclusively involved students. Their parents—the over £100 a month, 14.5 per

cent higher than last Novem-The average increase in ren-

tals announced last week was about 40 per cent, but in the case of some low rent accommodation the rise was as high as 80 per cent—from £4.20p a month to £7.70 a month. Mr Mulder said the increases were largely the result of last

year's unrest, estimating that the West Rand board suffered a loss in revenue of £6.7m during the current financial year through damage caused by the

By law Bantu administration boards have to meet their running costs from revenue they raise in the townships. Much of this is provided by the liquor stores and beer halls which the boards run. These were one of the main targets for attack during the riots Since last year's riots the West Rand board's income from beer and liquor sales has fallen

from 57 per cent of its total income to only 21 per cent. The use of liquor sales to finance township running costs has long been a point of con-

be raised by Concorde opponents from Long Island who will be speaking. **President Amin**

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dead minister President Amin of Uganda ate part of the liver of a dead minister in an attempt to keep

minister in an attempt to keep away evil spirits, a former personal physician to the President said in London less night.

Professor John Kibukamusoke, a Ugandan, now professor of medicine at Zambia University in Ursaka, told a meeting of the Africa Burean at the Commons that the liver came from Mr Michael Ondaga, the Ugandan Foreign Minister, whose body was found floating in the Nile in 1973.

Professor Kibukamusoke, personal physician to President Amin from 1971 to 1973 when he fled the country, said the President was very superstitious and believed strongly that "if

and believed strongly that "if you eat a piece of your victim's liver his evil spirits will not

hs way to President Amin's command post and part of it was eaten by the President. He said President Amin suf-

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Mr Carter seeks powers to decide on nuclear exports London summit, the Bill is cer-tain to be on the agenda there. The President has gone out of

From Fred Emery

President Carter today produced the foreign follow-up to his domestic renunciation of plutonium. He sent Congress a Bill on nuclear non-proliferation policy with the request that he be given discretion to decide what nuclear materials should be exported.

The President sought to head off a proposal in Congress which, he argued, would make the United States suspend its existing contracts for supplying

existing contracts for supplying nuclear fuel to allies.

His own proposal would require personal presidential approval for any supply of "highly enriched uranium greater than 15 kilograms" (the approximate

his way to reinforce his earlier assurances that allies such as Britain, France, West Germany any Japan could not be obliged to follow his example nounce plutonium

Mr Carter's Bill would rather "attempt to tighten the condi-tions for US nuclear cooperation through renegotiation of existing agreements" to meet the same standards required in new agreements.

"Instead of requiring countries that want our nuclear ex-ports to foreswear fuel enrichment and reprocessing for all time" the President proposes new incentives to encourage amount needed for a bomb). countries not to acquire such Released 10 days before the facilities in the first place.

Head of 'Voice of America' is dismissed

From Our Own Correspondent Veshington, April 27 vessington, April 27
The abrupt dismissal six weeks ago of Mr Kenneth Giddens, director of the Voice of America since 1969, has come to light in a news agency

Having survived the Ford-Carrer transmon, Mr Giddens, a Nixon appointee, had been hoping to preside over the VOA's planned expansion of foreign broadcasting. Mr Giddens had become a supporter of separation of "the Voice" from the United States

Information Agency, an appendage of the State Department. The agency strongly opposed The agency strongly opposed this and probably had a hand in Mr Giddens's dismissal.

India and Russia agreed on close cooperation From Our Correspondent

Delmi, April 27 India and the Soviet Union have expressed their "determi-nation" to strengthen "equal and mutually beneficial cooperation in the spirit of the Indo-Soviet Treaty".

In a joint statement issued today after a three-day visit by Mr Gromyko. the Soviet Foreign Minister, both sides have said they are satisfied with the development of the "time-tested relations of traditional friendship and coopera-tion, of mutual respect and confidence that have been established. Indian and Soviet represent-atives today signed three agreements.

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WESTERN KASAI

New U S fighters flying to base in Germany From Our Own Correspondent

Twenty-one are flying nonstop to Bitburg, West Germany. Later this vear the number will

be brought up to 72.

Washington, April 27 The first deployment in the European theatre of the United States Air Force's new fighter, the F15 Eagle, is under way. haunt you". He said the liver had fou

The move gives Nato an air-craft to match Soviet aircraft deployed in the past few years. !

Opposition hint of Bhutto role in caretaker cabinet

stan's main opposition leaders today discussed new terms for ending their confrontation with Mr Bhumo, the Prime Minister, including demands for fresh national elections and a caretaker government.

The Pir of Pagaro, the acting president of the time-party opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA), said after the talks that his movement would demand two-thirds of the seats in an interim Cabinet. But he indicated the opposition might agree to Mr Bhotto remaining as Prime Minister until new elections were held in about two months time.

Pir Pagaro said it might be possible to reach agreement by

tomorrow evening on the terms for negotiations between Mr Bhutto and the PNA, thus end-ing the disturbances throughout the country, in which about 250 people have died. The unrest began after the March 7 general election, which the opposition say was rigged.

Mr Bhutto said in a terse com-

SHABA

Islamabad, April 27.- Paki- ment after a surprise meeting of the parliamentary group of his People's Party tonight risk he had no new proposais to

Pir Pagaro's talks with the leaders of the opposition coalipolice training college. Retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan, chief of the Centrist Tehric Istiglal Party, was brought from prison in Labore early today to join other Alliance leaders, including Manhana Mutti Mahmud, Maulana Sheh Ahmed Nooran Professor Ghafoor Ahmed and Sherbaz Khan Mazari, who have all been in jail for the past

leaders had asked the Prime Minister to allow six prominent lawyers closely identified with the opposition to join in the talks and advise them on constitutional matters.

Meanwhite, the Government

has rejected the resignations of its ambassadors in Spain and Greece and dismissed them for

Nigeria trying to settle Zaire invasion dispute

_EASTERN KASAI 🤇

Lubumbashi, Zaire, April 27. -Nigeria has begun trying to settle the quarrel between Zaire and Angola, whose Marxist rulers are alleged by Zaire to have backed the invasion of its copper-rich Shaba province. Brigadier Joseph Garba, the Nigerian Foreign Minister, met President Mobutu of Zaire here last night at the start of a new Nigerian diplomatic initiative. He said today that his mission was going "fine".

Nigeria first indicated its readiness to mediate between

Zaire and Angola last month. when Brigadier Garba visited Kinshasa, the Zaire capital. He returned to Zaire yesterday.
Angola has denied Zaire's allegations that, with its Cuban and Soviet backers, it comived at the invasion of Shaba, formerly Katanga, by the

Zaire now says it has turned the tide against the invaders, recapturing the town of Mutsharsha from them and pushing on towards Dilolo, on the Angola frontier. "If you want to find the front line, you must go to Dilolo", said a Zaire military Dilolo", said a Zaire military a number of villages alongside spokesman last night, adding the road and railway to the that Government forces—backed Angolan border were deserted.

ZAIRE **ANGOLA** Sandoa rebels on April 27 Kolwezi 100 miles Luso ZAMBIA some of 1,500 Moroccan

but the Government drive was troops—were meeting scent resistance in a counter-offenslowed by mines. The whole "Shaba war". sive.
Morrocan military sources
said advance parrols indicated

the conflict was called by the Government, has been characterized by the lack of fighting. A total of 12 Government troops were reported killed Rebel

casualties were unknown, but no bodies were found. Government forces captured three

A Zaire spokesman said Brigadier Garba and President Mobutu were going to the Shaba province copper centre of Kolwezi, once threatened by the rebels, today and might go on to Mutshatsha.

Zaire's official Azap news agency has quoted Brigadier-Garba as saying Africa's interest-demanded a solution to the "unhappy incident" between Zaire and Angola.—Reuter and Ap Kinshasa, April 26.-Ameri-

can construction workers who were evacuated from southern Zaire after it was invaded by the Katangan rebels, will begin returning over the weekend. Between eight and 11 Americans working on a power line and electricity converter project in Kolwezi for Inga-Shaba, a subsidiary of Morrison and Knudsen Co, of Utah, will return to the copper-rich mining town on Sunday or Monday.

Last month when the rebels pushed to within 15 miles of Kolwezi, about 77 American construction workers, some with families, were evacuated.

New York
hearing
of Concorde

case today

From Peter Strafford
New York, April 27
A court hearing will be held in New York comorrow on one of the main issues: affecting landings by Concorde at Kennedy sirport; whether the Porr-Authority of New York and New Jersey, which controls the airport, has the power to prevent the aircraft from landing once permission has been given by the federal Government.

If British Airways and Air France win their case, they will have gone some way

towards removing the biggest obstacle that has been put in

the way of Concorde. British Airways even talk in terms of starting the first Concorde flights into Kenredy within 60 days of the decision. If they lose, it will be a secback, but it will not be the end of the airlines' efforts to prescome opposition in New

overcome opposition in New York. They like the port amb-

ority, can appeal against any court decision, and they can

also take court action on other

legal grounds:
The airlines hope is that
Judge Milton Pollack will act

Judge Milton Pollack will are quickly, possibly even to-morrow. The case has been pending for several months, and their view is that it is a straightforward one, on which he can give summary judgment. Essentially, they are arguing that, by the terms of the American Constitution, the port authority cannot prevent Concorde from landing because

concorde from landing because the decision to allow it in fir. a test period, taken in February, 1975, by Mr William Coleman, then Secretary of Transportation, overrides any state or local decision.

Tomorrow's hearing will not

deal with the environmental questions surrounding Con-

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HOME NEWS_

Simpler citizenship suggested in government document

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Simplification of the nationalny laws into British citizenship and British overseas citizenship is suggested in a government discussion paper published yesterday. The changes would affect everyone in Bricain and many people abroad.

many people assured.

Those who have close ties with Britain would alone have an unqualified right of free entry. Overseas citizenship would be held by the rest of those people now citizens of the United Kingdom and the calculate.

The Government does not intend to introduce early legislation. The discussion paper says it has reached no firm conusions on many of the ideas, but it thinks that changes on the lines suggested would offer a more rational basis for citizen-

ship and immigration control. ship and immigration control.

The discussion paper suggests that British citizenship should be conferred, in general, on: Citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies who were born, asturalized or registered in British, the Channel Islands or the 1sle of Man.

Those who hold that citizenship by descent and have the right of entry.

edity.

Citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies and British protected persons from dependencies or former dependencies (including those from East Africa).

British subjects without citizenship who have settled in Britain for a manifest period.

who have settled in Britain for a specified period.

The paper says the following groups would acquire the right of entry for the first time: Cidzens of the United Kingdom and colonies from overseas who have been resident here for less than five years, and their wives. They have in most cases already been accepted for permanent residence. "To grant them citizenship would not commit the United Kingdom to accepting any new group of permanent residents." "-ifsh protected persons and the British subjects without citizenship who have made their homes here.

A few of the British subjects without citizenship are exempt from immigration control, but generally they and the British progenerally they and the British prorected persons are not exempt;
but they have for the most part
already been accepted for permanent residence. "They are
here to stay and to grant them
British citizenship with the right
of entry to the United Kingdom
would not involve any new immigration commitment."
The following people who have

gration commitment."

The following people who have the right of entry under the Immigration Act, 1971, would not become citizens if the law were mended as engagered.

British citizens shown have a right of entry, the paper says there might be a case for making ex-ceptions for people in those groups and allowing them to re-tain the right of entry for their

the status of cirizen of the United Kingdom and colonies is that it does not provide a ready definition of right of entry, the discussion paper says, in most other western countries only cirizens automatically have that right. Under our system, a citizen of the United Kingdom and colonies may not have any close ties with the United Kingdom or even with a remaining colonie.

Commonwealth immigration they have felt obliged to distinguish Commonwealth immigration they have felt obliged to distinguish between citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies and the rest, the report says, adding: These distinctions within a common citizenship have been hard to follow. They have caused confusion and have encouraged the belief that our immigration laws contain elements of racial pre-

contain elements of racial precreased the confusion, since not only did distinctions within the

citizenship of the United Kingdom and colonies continue but the right of entry was also conferred to a limited degree on certain citizens of other Commonwealth countries.

About 950 million people throughout the recold or "Riviging the recold of the recold o

About 950 million people throughout the world are "British subjects" in British law. Most of them are chizens of independent them are chizens of ind Commonwealth countries.

Of the rest, 56 million are citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies, by reason of their close connexion with the United Kingdom and are exempt from inunigration control. A further 3,300,000 lof whom 2,600,000 are in Hongwith are citizens by girtue of a thong) are citizens by virtue of a close connexion with a dependency. They do not have right of early to the United Kingdom, but almost invariably have right of admission to a dependency. But about 190,000 cirizens of the

But about 190,000 cinizens of the United Kingdom and colonies, mostly in Malaysia, India and Africa, deriving their status from former dependencies, have no

The numbers in East Africa are declining as a result of admission under the special voucher scheme which the Government intends to

continue, the discussion paper says.

There are thought to be about three million citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies (a million in Britain) with dual nationality who are exempt from immigration control, and a further 1,300,000 (mostly in Malaysia) who are subject to it. Many of those without rights of entry either to the United Kingdom or a dependency are well established in their countries of residence even when they do not have dual citizenship.

There are believed to be about 250,000 British subjects without citizenship and more than 274,000 British protected persons, most in the Solomon Islands. Nearly all those people are living abroad and are subject to immigration control. About 120,000 Irish citizens have made formal claims under the 1948 Acr to remain British subjects.

The present definition of United Kingdom national for European Community purposes would need to be redrawn, in consultation with partners in the Community, it is suggested. so that in general all British citizens would have the same freedom of movement within the territory of the Community.

The paper suggests that women, as well as men, should be able to transmit their citizenship to their children born abroad, but that such transmission should be generally confined to the first generation so born.

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generation so born.

A woman who marries a man from Bririn can arquire her husband's citizenship. But a man from overseas who marries a woman from Britain cannot.

The paper says that that runs contrary to the Government's general policy of ending discrimination between the sexes.

Registration on these grounds under the present law gives a woman the right of entry to the United Kingdom, and to extend the right to men in the same way would have repercussions on immigration. Bogus marriages might be encouraged.

Foreign nationals who seek naturalization have to satisfy the

Foreign nationals who seek naturalization have to satisfy the Home Secretary that, among other things, they have lived here for at least five years, are of good character, have a sufficient knowledge of English, and intend, once naturalized, to remain here or linked to British interests abroad. Many Commonwealth citizens have an entitlement to citizenship and have to show only that they have been ordinarily resident here for five years. But increasing numbers are having to meet similar requirements to those for naturalization (Commonwealth citizens apply for registration, not naturalization). There is no appeal against refusal of either naturalization or registration.

registration.
The Government would welcome views, the paper says, on the good character requirement, the language test, and the absence of an appeal system.

an appeal system.

Discussing the various options if the United Kingdom decided to tighten its law on dual nationality, the paper says that to ban it would be complicated and expensive. But a ban on dual nationality where it arises from a voluntary act would not present such difficulty. "It could indeed be part of the clearer and better defined British citizenship for which we are aiming." become citizens if the law were amended as suggested:

1. Citizens of a Commonwealth country with a parent (in practice almost invariably the mother) who was a citizen of the United Kingdom; and colories by birth in the United Kingdom;

2. Commonwealth citizens who lawe the right of entry only because their fausbands have it.

3. Citizens of the United Kingdom and colories from overseas who were at one time settled in the United Kingdom and resident here for five years but who could not meet the residence qualifications for British citizens should have a right of entry, the paper says there were allowed to keep both their citizenship (provided the laws of the other country per-

their citizenships (provided the laws of the other country per-mitted this). Such persons would then still have the right of entry to their country of origin if the merriage falled.

The paper suggests that British overseas citizenship might be conferred on citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies who were born, naturalized, or registered in an existing dependency, or whose fathers were.

an existing dependency, or whose fathers were.

That status would also be conferred on those other people who are not citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies or British protected persons but who would not become British citizens.

As a general rule, entry to a dependency would be limited to British overseas citizens by virtue of a connexion with it. British overseas citizenship would not carry with it the right of entry to

overseas crazensmp would not carry with it the right of entry to the United Kingdom.

So that British overseas citizenship should in the longer term be related to dependencies only, the rules for acquisition and transmission would have to be more respirite than those for British

sion would have to be more re-strictive than those for British citizenship.

Those arrangements would not affect the obligation which the Government has assumed towards holders of United Kingdom pass-ports from East Africa, and the

holders of Umrea Aingoom passports from East Africa, and the
special voucher system would continue.

In general, Irish citizens born
before 1949 were also British subjects in British law until the Act
of 1948 came into force. Since
then, those Irish citizens have been
eligible to claim, by written notice
to the Home Secretary, to remain
British subjects under a special
provision of the Act.
Within a new nationality scheme,
they could continue to be eligible
to hold British passports. They
and other Irish citizens settled in
the Umited Kingdom would be
eligible on the same terms as
citizens of Commonwealth and
foreign countries to apply for
British citizenship.

Views about the suggestions in
the document may be sent to:

the document may be sent to: Home Office, Nationality Division (AH Room 1606), Immigration and Nationality Department, 40 Welles-ley Road, Croydon, CR9 2BY. British Nationality Law: Discussion of Possible Changes (Command 6795, Stationery Office,

Edinburgh Festival office in London may close

From Our Correspondent

The future of the London office for the Edinburgh International Festival may be in

The Edinburgh Festival Society was told at its meeting esterday that it cost more than 31,000 to run the London office ast year, three times more than the running costs of the Edin-

Almost £22,000 was spent at the London office on entertainment and travelling and after bearing the figures Mr David Brown, a Labour's Edinburgh district councillor, demanded an

whether the London office was a viable proposition; he was supported by another Labour district councillor, Mr James Kerr, who said he wanted to know exactly how the money

was spent.
Mr John Millar, Lord Provost
of Edinburgh, the society's
chairman, said the provision of a London office was included in the terms of the contract of Mr Peter Diamond, the festival director.

The society unanimously agreed to remit the master to the festival council for further discussion.

Last year's Edinburgh Festival lost nearly £6,400 but the investigation.

Mr Brown said the festival council should be looking into WEST EUROPE

Skimming of oil slick almost total failure

From Craig Seton Stravanger, April 27

An exhausted repair team abandoned today's attempt to control the five-day-old blow-out at the oil platform Bravo. I flew over the Norwegian Ekofisk oilfield as the men withdrew from the p latform ready for a new effort tomorrow to cap, the gusher. All the necessary equipment is in place.

Hopes are high that the blowout may be controlled tomorrow.

It is becoming apparent here
that, faced with the almost rotal
failure of "skimming" equipment to tackle the growing oil
slick, now estimated at 350
square miles, the Norwegian
Government is being forced to
consider using chemical disconsider using chemical dispersants against the advice of the fishing industry and

environmental interests. environmental interests.

Flying in a reconnaissance aircraft plotting the course and size of the oil slick, made up of an estimated 12,000 tonnes of escaped oil, it was clear that the greater portion of the slick has not been tackled at all.

At least a dozen vessels are trying to deal with the slick within a few miles of Bravo, where we could see the oil

where we could see the oil gusher rising in a reddish brown fountain above the stricken platform. There were no other vessels to be seen in a 35-minute journey round the slick. Nearer to the platform the slick is at its thickest. Huge rusty red streaks stretching miles into the horizon discolour the water. As we travelled east-

wards towards the Danish coast, however, the oil thinned visibly into a blue film on the surface.

Two miles from Bravo two ships towed a boom and trapped a small patch of dirty brown oil but the skimming vessel, which is supposed to follow at the rear and suck the oil from the surface, was nowhere to be

In Stavanager, Mr Hans Christian Bugge director of Norway's pollution control agency, today admitted that the skimming operation had not been successful. The equipment was unausable in waves of more than 6ft, he said.

Dr Coggan begins Rome talks

From Jacob Ecclestone Rome, April 27

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, arrived here today on the first and most important stage of his eight-day tour of European religious centres. His meeting with Pope Paul VI tomorrow is expected to consolidate the expected to consolidate the ecumenical progress made so far between the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches and, to further unity.

Dr Coggan and his advisers were greezed at Frumicino Air-port by Archbishop Benelli, Archbishop Casaroli, and Car-dinal Willebrands, who is president of the Varican's secretariat for unity. After informal discussion with

Cardinal Willebrands at the English College this evening, Dr Coggan will meet some of the British Roman Catholics who are studying for ordinazion with are studying for ordinarion here. Tomorrow, after his talks with the Pope, Dr Coggan will preach at St Paul's Within the Walls at a dedication service. He will preside jointly with Cardinal Willebrands.

This is the third visit to Rome by an Archbishop of Canter-bury and comes 11 years after Dr Michael Ramsey's meeting with Pope Paul VI, which led to the setting up of the Angli-can-Roman Catholic international commission. Eight years work by the commission has produced a remarkable measure of agreement on Holy Commu-oion, the ministry and, most recently, the nature of

On Friday a joint statement will be issued before the Archbishop and his party fly to Istanbul for a meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch, Demet-

The final leg of his journey will be to the headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Geneva next week.

Prelate helps police to catch art thief

Rome, April 27.—The Italian police have caught an inter-national art thief through the aid of "the James Bond in a cassock" as they call Mgr Jean Lestocquoy, a researcher in the Vatican library. They also recovered an eighteenth-century painting stolen in 1972 from the Paris church of St Nicholas du

An Italian had called on the prelate in Rome and offered to return "The Good Samaritan" painted in 1773 by Nicolas Jollain, for 20m lire (about £13,000). Mgr Lestocquoy warned the police who alerted

Interpol. Chief Inspector Dubout, of the French police, was sent to Rome on the case. He bugged and recorded the telephone conversations between the prelate and the art thief until a rendezvous was fixed for the money to be handed over in exchange for the painting.

The prelate arrived in a carrying a briefcase which contained a small radio transmitting a coded signal to a fake taxi and a couple of unmarked police cars. A man was arrested and the painting recovered though badly damaged.-Agence



Mr Richard Hattebery, left, and Mr Asgar "Boots" Hansen, experts from Houston, Texas, on the oil platforms Bravo yesterday.

Mounting sea-life toll by pollution

Science Editor The effect of oil pollution from the blow-out at the Bravo well on marine life is indicated in a report on pollution research published by the Natural Environment Research Council.
The study, Ecological Research
on Seabirds, lists species that
have deckined most rapidly in the 10 years since the Torrey Canyon disaster, but highlights the damage being wrought by

oil spills.

Although oil is only one of several pollutants, including chemical wastes and pesticides, to be implicated in destruction of wildlife, ducks and species such as auks, grebes, cormorants and divers have been among the most susceptible to this particular source of contamination.

floats and spreads on the sur-face of water to trap swimming species, in the first instance soaking their plumage and destroying its insulating and waterproofing properties. The creature loses buoyancy and ecomes chilled.
Birds may also ingest or indamaging respiratory, digestive and, ultimately, metabolic systems. They are also unable to fly or dive in search of food, and drift for days to be washed up eventually on a beach.

If they are able to fly, they take back oil to their nests where it harms eggs by inter-fering with respiration through the shell so that these fail to

Some of the means devised to disperse oil also have serious consequences for birds, particu-larly in climates like that of the Ekofisk oilfield. The water-inoil emulsion known as " late mousse" persists in North Sea temperatures, though it would disperse more readily in

The study suggests that the estimates of damage caused by oil pollution to bird populations are still incomplete, but chronic pollution must kill hundreds of thousands of seabirds round

More reliable assessments of tens of thousands of wild fowl killed in individual pollution

and of many thousands of sea-birds in individual incidents

birds in individual incidents round the outer coasts of Europe and North America.

The largest well-attested kills round the British Isles include 10.000 known to have died during the Torrey Canvon incident and more than 12,000 in a series of incidents along the north-east coast of Britain.

The lasting damage caused by individual incidents has only been conspicuous in the reduction of the French auk populations by up to 90 per cent as a result of the Torrey Canyon

Etruscan works of art stolen Ascoli Piceno, Italy, April 27.

—Thieves bored overnight through a wall of the Ascoli Piceno museum and stole dozens of priceless Etruscan

statuettes.

The statuettes were temporarily housed in underground halls of the museum while the upper halls were being restored.

in Giscard majority From Our Own Correspondent The Gaullists told M Barre that their vote for him tomor-row would not be one of con-Like the Cabinet change of fidence, for confidence would have required a more inspired policy. For Le Monde, the divorce between the Gaullists last month, the Prime Minister's action programme has proved a distinct anticlimax. It has failed

Forebodings of defeat

to live up to expectations that and the Government, inevitable since the autumn of 1976, was never so openly and officially the Government and its majority would get a grip upon them-selves in order to influence a proclaimed.

"M Chirac and his friends could not or would not take the risk of provoking a crisis, political situation over which M Barre seemed a lonely man in the National Assembly yes-

but they made no bones of the fact that from now on they would judge the Government case by case", it writes.

Even the Centrists were unenthusiastic. "The country terday. The opposition attacked him, confident that victory in next year's parliamentary elec-tions is within its grasp. The Government's own supporters backed him halfheartedly, with forebodings of defeat. does not feel governed", their conkerman declared. "And spokesman declared. "And France must not only be gov-"One expected a plan of political mobilization", Le Figuro comments. "M Barre stuck to the level of management." erned, but feel governed, just as an economic policy, however sound, must not only succeed,

but be felt to succeed by the average voter." There is no evidence that the Government parties have learnt the lesson of the municipal elections and are ready to sink their differences to give political credibility to M Barre's econo-

Communist poet returns to Spain after 38 years

From Our Correspondent Madrid, April 27

they are losing control.

The Prime Minister believes

that sound management is the best guarantee of electoral suc-

cess. In the opinion of the Government majority, electoral pug-nacity and drive are the only recipe. In fact, as the news-

paper remarks, both are needed. But one only is at hand.

Rafael Alberti, the poet, who will be a Communist candidate for the Congress of Deputies in the general election, returned to Spain today after

38 years in exile.

He was given an enthusiastic reception when he arrived from Rome at Barajas airport,

Sedor Alberti ranked high in the list of the Franco regime's public enemies, along with Señora Dolores Obarruri ("La Pasionaria"), the 82-year-old president of the Spanish Communist Party.

publicity to these homecomings in order to avoid antagonizing the Franco diebards still fur-ther after the legalization of

the party.
Señor Alberti belongs to the same generation as the poet Federico García Lorca, mur-dered during the Civil War, and the composer Manuel de Falla, who died in exile in Argentina. He will head the Communist Party's list for his

native Cadiz.

Eenora Federica Montseny, the only woman to have been a minister in Spain, has also returned after 38 years in exile. She arrived in Barcelona

Communist Party.

Now that he is home, there is speculation that the return of "La Pasionaria" from exile in Moscow will not be long delayed. The Communist Party. anarchist National Confedera-tion of Workers.

New! Lufthansa daily 8.25 am businessman's flight to Düsseldorf from Heathrow



Make sure you travel with our Yellow Book.

A new addition to our Yellow Book from April 1st is the daily breakfast flight LH 061 to Düsseldorf, and with the last plane, LH 060, back at 21.10 it means you can get in a full day's work and be back at Heathrow by 22.25. Also from April 1st, there will be non-stop daily flights to both Bremen and Hanover. LH 047 leaves Heathrow 12.25, arrives Bremen 13.45; LH 049 leaves Heathrow 10.25, arrives Hanover 11.45. Ask your travel agent or Lufthansa for our Yellow Book





Japan sets its face | Post Office to pay empty property rates against rearming to secure W Pacific

From Peter Hazelhurst

Tokyo, April 27
American hopes that Japan will increase its military power and assume greater responsibility for the security of the western Pacific were dashed today when Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, assured President Ferdinand Marcos of not rearm itself under any cir-

President Marcos, who is visiting Japan, told journalists tonight that the subject of

When asked to comment on America's growing belief that Japan should assume a greater role in maintaining the security of the region. President Marcos replied: "We did not discuss Japan's future military role when the subject was raised during my talks with the Prime Minister. Mr Fukuda immediately told me that Japan has no intention of rearming itself. Nor will it pursue an objective of attaining a China, he said the organization nuclear caoability.'

became obvious tonight up against any particular nation, in a military or politthat the question of the security of eastern Asia was raised as a main topic when President Marcos mer Japanese leaders today. Members of his entou-rage suggested tonight that the Filipino leader, normally sensitive to the question of rearmament, been particularly concerned about the future of South-East Asia's security since the American debacle in Vietnam. since the

Alluding to suggestions that he would now like to see Japan take a more active role in maintaining the security of the region, President Marcos said: term guarantees for their in view of the fact that economic plans. This is how Japan is the biggest and most Japan can help us fight insurpowerful economic power in gency, he added.

From Peter Strafford

One of the best known figures in the world of Ameri-

can comic strips, Little Orphan

Annie, who first appeared in 1324, has finally arrived on Broadway. She is the heroine

of a musical called Annie, and the event has had New York

critics busily drawing conclu-

sions about what it means for in

Little Orphan Annie was not just a comic strip figure. She was also highly political, a symbol of the old-time virtues

really came into her own in

the 1930s, after the election of

were going.

Annie was given to such com-

tryin' to earn my way."
The strip was used to defend prominent businessmen going

artack their prosecutors. The New Republic published a leading article entitled Fascism

in the Funniss in which it accused Gray of "a continued attack on the New Deal,

movement."
Not much of this is reflected

fallen journalists

Koreans would never accept the fate of the Vietnamese, Mr Kim Seong Jin, the South Korean Minister of Culture

and Information, said today at

the unveiling of a memorial near Seoul to 18 correspond-

eats who were killed while

reporting on the Korean war of 1950-53. More than 80 of

their former colleagues of 18

The names inscribed on the

memorial plaque include those

of Ian Morrison, of The Times.

and Christopher Buckley, of

The Daily Telegraph, who were killed together in a jeep that

hit a mine o.1 August 12, 1950.

"This monument we unveil

today—the first in the history

cf journalism-will go down in

history as a torch of peace". Mr Kim said. "The Korean

people, I assure you, will not tolerate the tactics of com-munists and enti-war liberals

ced so successiuhy in Viet-

nam. With or without your

rational strength and make Korea an eternal bulwark of

peace in this Asian region."

communists were of

Jniversity closed

upport, we shall build up our

He added that North Korean

Bogotá, Ápril 27.—Coloma's National University has

been ordered to close down for

nationalities attended

From Richard Hughes

Seoul, April 27

ceremony.

on trial for corruption, and to you can get."

S Korea commemorates

New York, April 27

self-help.

Hareld Gray,

A comic strip conservative sees

liberal light in Broadway musical

Orphan Annie's new tune

could not stand the way things old-fashioned musical ". News

ments as this one, made after The aim, according to News-someone had pointed out that week, was to do something

there were free schools and about the image of children in

Asia, of necessity everybody looks to Japan to indirectly assume such a role. But the Prime Minister told me today Japan has no such intentions."

Hinting at some disappointment with this attitude of his former adversaries-he fought the Japanese at Batann in the 1940s Mr Marcos said : "My the Philippines that Japan will desires are of little consequence. I cannot tell the Japanese Government what to do. . . . Mr Fukuda told me his pains: Japan will not rearm, and there will be no seeking a Japan's military role in Asia nuclear capability. Instead he was cut short during his talks said he will help the poor with Mr Fukuda.

nations of Asia strengthen

themselves economically so they will be capable of defending themselves."
President Marcos appeared to agree with Mr fukuda's essment of the future threat of insurgency in South-East Asia. Asked whether the five members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) might pursue a more militant approach against the Communist regimes in Indo-

had never attempted to gang

ical sense.
"The against South-East Asian nations is still insurgency. We zation that within the next five to 10 years this will be the threat to our individual nations. I am confident we can deal with it, but we must deal with the threat with economic development.

"This is where Japan can help. The small nations of South-East Asia must be assured of short-term and long-

legion—will have to confront the sight and sound of Daddy

warbucks, the apotheosis of

week takes the view that it is

entirely different breed from any other communists on this

earth. Their is a system growing out of a fanatical persona-

country who have to live with

threats to their security, aspire

for peace many times more ardently than people of affluent societies without

security problems.

"Their approach is of a solemn and serious nature because at is a matter of life and death. The polemics of peace by outsiders are academic. We simply cannot allow

ourselves to be the object of

charitable idealism and mean

ingless theories or discussions.

of drastic changes, we witness

efforts in some segments of the Western world to bury the

memories of the Korean war.

This tendency has become more evident after the Viet-

the shape of a curved teletype paper indicating the letter "j" (for journalist) on a

pedestal that resembles a type-

writer. It was designed by a

Korean sculptor and the callig-

raphy for the carved inscrip-

rean tion was written personally by "an President Park Chung Hee.

Barbecued crocodile

Singapore, April 27.—A Singapore resmurant has bar-

becued or sweet-and-sour croc-

The soaring monument is in

Living as we do in an era

divided

lity cuit.
"People of a

security problems.

Law Report April 27 1977

Camden London Borough Council v Post Office Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Bridge

[Judgments given April 20] Camden London Borough Council, who as a rating authority operate the provisions for the rating of unoccupied property in the General Rate Act, 1967, were held to be entitled to recover from the Post Office £64,550 rates in respect of time months during in respect of nine months during session of the top portion of Euston Tower but the premises

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the council from Mr Justice Thompson (The Times, February 9), who had held in favour of the Post Office, subtenants of offices and premises at Suston Centre, that they were not liable for the empty property rate in respect of the hereditament.

Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act provides:
"1 (1) Where . . . any relevant hereditament . . is unoccupied for a continuous period exceeding three montas, the owner shall . . . be rated in respect of that heredita be rated in respect of that hereditament for any relevant period of vacancy . . . " Paragraph 8 provides: "(1) Where a rating authority are of opinion—(a) that the erection of a building . . . has been completed; or (b) that the work remaining to be done . . is such that the erection of the building can reasonably be expected to be completed within three months, and that the building is, or when completed will be, comprised in a relevant hereditament, the authority may serve on the owner . . a completion notice."

Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC, and Mr Guy Roots for the council; Mr Guy Seward for the Post The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Euston Tower was 400ft high with 34 floors of offices, shops on the ground floor, and a car park at the bottom. Part of car park at the bottom. Part of it had been unoccupied from

, 1971. The question was hether, if rates were payable for the empty portion, they were pay-able by the Post Office. Under the General Rate Act the

rating authority could, in regard to newly erected buildings, serve a "completion notice" on the a completion notice on the building owner, stating the date on which in their opinion the building could be expected to be completed; and when that date was ascertained the owner was lightly the country was the building th liable for the empty propery rate. On November 21, 1969, while the tower block was being built, the council served a completion notice on Balgray Investments Ltd, who then owned it, stating that in their opinion the building, des-cribed as "285 Euston Road (Euston Centre—36-storey tower block) ", could reasonably be expected to be completed within three months—by February 20, 1970, and that it would then be a hereditament liable for unoccuried property 1976. pied property rate.

In January, 1970, the council and the owners agreed in writing that the whole of Euston Tower, except the ground floor shops, "shall be deemed to be complete on September 11, 1970" and the on September 11, 1970" and the empty property rate was to be payable from December 11, 1970, on the building so described. The owners then separated it into two parts and leased one part to what was now the Department of the Environment, which sublet the top portion—20th to 33rd floors and part of the 34th floor—to the Post Office. The Post Office took possession on December 7, 1970, but did not occupy it until September 11, 1971. The council claimed the empty property rate from the Post Office—564,550—from the deemed date of completion, December 11, 1970, to September 11, 1971. The Post Office said that they were not believe the server of the said the Office said that they were not liable because under the Act the hereditament described in the completion notice had to coincide

with the hereditament actually created; that the completion notice was the vital document; that it was for the whole building;

Chancery Division

Directors' right to inspect books

Conway and Others v Petronius Clothing Co Ltd and Others Before Mr Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered April 19.] [Judgment delivered April 19.]

Ris Lordship declined to make an immediate order for inspection of the books of a company by certain of its directors, in circumstances where it seemed likely that they would be removed at an adjourned extraordinary general meeting, and adjourned the application until after such meeting should have taken place. The directors had claimed an absolute right to inspect the books of their comright-wing conservatism in the comics, and Annie, his adoring to inspect the books of their com-

In a reserved judgment in pro-ceedings by the plaintiff directors, Mr Penton Derek Conway, Mr Barry Johnson and Mr Sidney Reece, against Petronius Clothing Co Ltd. Manwith Investments Ltd ear-piece, as bloody bleeding-heart Liberals. Can you believe The musical starts in 1933, in mid-depression, and has Annie being rescued from an Mr Ronald Martiti Oppenheimer and Mr John Edward Grundy (the last two being directors of both companies), his Lordship held that section 147 of the Companies Act, 1948, conferred no stabutory right Anne being rescued from an orphanage by Daddy Warbucks, the multimillionaire who befriends her and ther dog Sandy. Together, they go to Washington, where they inspire Roosevelt and his Cabinet on a director to compel the com-pany to make the books available; that such a right did exist but was spire Roosevelt and his Cabinet to come up with the New Deal. At which point, Annie jumps up on a table and sings a song called "Tomorrow".

everyone's A perennial pre-teenager, At which point, Annie jumps with golden hair and big, up on a table and sings a song vacant circles for eyes, see called "Tomorrow". taste. The New York Daily
News, for instance, describes it sparingly exercised. her creator, as a "big, splashy, sentimental,

Mr G. B. H. Dillon, QC, Mr David Oliver and Mr R. G. B. McCombe for the plaintiffs; Mr John Chadwick for the defendants. HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs—two were directors of Manwith and all were directors of free homes for poor children: modern society, so tarnished "Free? Huh—nothin is free. by developments like child portial costs somebody. Too nography. "In this situation many people are livin free extreme measures are called off o other people. I'll keep for, and reviving Little Orphan Petronius—sought, inter alla, an order that the defendants should produce all books of account, management accounts, working papers, bank statements, cheque papers, bank statements, theque stubs, contracts and invoices be-longing to Petronius, and a similar order in respect of Manwith. On May 21, 1973, arrangements

Annie, the foremost kid reac-tionary in United States history, is about as extreme as were made transferring all the share capital of Petronius to Manwith, and a special class of A ordinary shares was issued to a company effectively controlled by Mr Oppenheimer. There was no claim in the present action to set Newsweek says the authors of the musical sense that "the country is ready for a new conservatism in its fantasy life, and they know that behind the know-nothing santimoniousness aside those arrangements, but their validity was challenged in other proceedings, the plaintiffs alleging together with a virulent denun- of Annie and Daddy lies a ciation of the organized-labour seductive symbolism in which Annie is Deserving Virtue and Daddy is Rewarding Power". that it was never explained to them that the A shares carried special rights, giving entrenched control to Mr Oppenheimer. In the Broadway musical.

Little Orphan Annie has been sweetened in the interest of the musical's commercial appeal. So much so that a writer in New York magazine commented: "The Little Orphan Daddy is Rewarding Yower".

A simpler explanation, perhaps, is that the combination of a little girl, a dog and a benevolent father figure, together with lets of sentiment, has an irresistible appeal for theatre audiences.

The plaintiffs and others, to-gether holding a majority of the introduced a consortium, which was unanimous in wishing to put Manunenimous in wishing to put Man-with into members' voluntary liqui-dation. They had the necessary votes, subject only to the validity of certain proxies which were dis-puted in other proceedings, in which his Lordship proposed to deliver judgment immediately after the present judgment, refus-ing interlocutory relief restrain-ing one member of the consortium from exercising his votes. Accord-

from exercising his votes. Accordingly Manwith was likely to be put into liquidation if the consortium remained unauimous at a proposed

remained unauimous at a proposed extraordinary general meeting which had been adjourned until the fourth full working day after the two judgments.

The plaintiffs' evidence alleged strong prima facie grounds for believing that Mr Oppenheimer had been manipulating the affairs of Petronius to his own personal advantage in relation to overseas contracts. The defendants refuted those allegations, and Mr Oppenthose allegations, and Mr Opoen-heimer, in his evidence, did not accept the reasons given for the plaintiffs destring to inspect the books, submitting that the primary purpose was to obtain information actual or potential competitors

as actual or potential competitors of Petronius.

Mr Dillon contended that, mutual confidence being so palpably lacking, it was just and equitable that Petronius and Manatth or Manwith alone should be equitable (nat retroints and main-with, or Manwith alone should be wound up, basing his application on that broad ground, and also on the narrower ground that the plaintiffs had an absolute right to inspect the books of the com-

Mr Chadwick did not oppose an order for the production of Man-with's books, but resisted any order being made against Petronius, so long as the arrangements made in May, 1973, stood, which had vested control of Petronius had vested control of Petronius in Mr Oppenhelmer, through Manwith. He pointed out that the application was neither one to wind up Meawith, nor a minority shareholders' application for an account. His Lordship was not prepared to assume that there had been any misapplication of Petronius or Manwith assets, and accordingly it would be wrong to accept the broad ground advanced

plaintiffs were concerned in a competing business and that their application was in bad faith, being really designed to destroy Petronius, so as to pick up the relics. It appeared likely that the plaintiffs would be removed from office, at Manwith's behest, at the adjourned meeting of Petronius, which was to be held before the adjourned meeting of Manwith, at which the resolution to wind up Manwith was likely to be

passed.
Section 147 (3) of the Companies Act. 1948, provided that company books of account should at all times be open to inspection by the directors". After referring to Cutler v Wandsworth Stadium Ltd ([1949] AC 398, 407). Burn v London & Sauth Wales Coal Co ((1890) 7 TLR 118), Edman v Ross ((1922) 22 SR NSW 1851) MCCabe 1 MCCabe (1985) S1), MCusker v MRac ([1966] SC 253) and Mutter v Eastern & Midland Railway Co ((1888) 38 Ch D 92), Ms Lordship reached five conclusions.

(1) Though section 147 and its predecessors implicitly recognized the existence of a director's right the existence of a director's right to inspect the company's books at common law, it conferred no new right, the purpose of the section being to impose criminal sanctions in the event of proper books of account not being kept, or not being made available for inspection

(2) The right, exercisable both at and outside meetings, was con-ferred by the common law to enable a director to carry out his dudes as director. (3) The right must determine

on removal from office.

(4) The right not being a statu-tory, the court had discretion whether or not to order inspec-tion. However, where there was no reason to suppose that a direc-tor was about to be removed, the discretion to withhold inspection would be very sparingly exercised.

Though a director would not generally be called on to furnish his reasons, the court would restrain him exercising his right if it was satisfied that his intention was to above the confidence. tion was to abuse the confidence reposed in him as a director; in the absence of clear proof to the contrary, the court would assume he was exercising it for the com-pany's benefit.

(5) Rather different principles would apply where, as here, an interlocutory application was made by a director against whom misconduct was alleged and when a meeting had been convened for his removal. In such a case the court would normally assist a director, before the company's wishes were known, only if it considered intervention necessary to protect the company, or the director's personal position.

In the present case the balance of convergence was against making of conver.ence was against making an immediate order for inspection of the books of Petronius before the meeting had been held. There was at least a triable issue as to the defendants' assertion that the plaintiffs were interested as competitors, and that their motives were to per information, as artical were to get information, as actual or potential competitors. If such allegations were well founded, an order for inspection might do irremediable damage.

In contrast, provided prope safeguards to project the Petrorius of any substantial damage to the plaintiffs if the motion were adjourned until after the two meet-ings of Petronius and Manwith had been held. Such a safeguard would be provided by extending an order made by Mr Justice Goulding on November 24, 1976. An immediate order would accordingly be made in the case of Manwith, but not in the case of Petronius. Solicitors : Franks, Charlesly & Co ; Clintons ; Rubens, Well &

In The Giacinto Motta (April 22) Middleton Potts & Co represented the owners of the Giacinto Motta.

Policing by the community

Community policing, involving the entire community in helping to keep the peace, could reduce crime figures, Mr John Adderson, Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, says in his actual report issued yesterday. Crime figures dropped by 1

should have appeared in the valu-ation list; that the whole tower block which had been empty all block which had been empty and the time was liable for the empty property rate; but that the hereditament in the list was only the top portion of the building and therefore the Post Office was not liable at all.

His Lordship thought that the short, if technical, point turned on the interpretation of paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 1. From those 7 and 8 of Schedule 1. From those paragraphs it was plain that the completion notice dealt with the position before the whole building was actually completed but when it was expected that it would be completed in the near future. At the completed in the near future. At the completion notice date it would not be known whether the eventual hereditament for rating purposes would be the whole or part of the building. A date for completion of the whole building had been agreed; but paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 dealt with the actual heredimment. ctual heredimment. The important words there were

"any relevant hereditament".

That did not mean the whole the completion notice, but any relevant hereditament which might thereafter be formed out of the newly completed building. In the present case the one "relevant present case the one relevant hereditament listed in the valuation list was the Postvaluation list was the Post-Office-occupied portion, not the whole building in the completion notice. In his Lordship's view the liability to empty property rates avoiled to what the valuation officer found to be the separate hereditament. It did not have to coincide with the completion notice. The relevant hereditament had to be ascertained at the time when the valuation at the time when the valuation was made on the state of the premises at that time. His Lordship would allow the appeal and hold that the Post Office was nable for the empty property rate for the period in question. tor the period in question.

Lord Justice Lawton agreed in allowing the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE, also was liable to pay unoccupied rate appropriate date.

Solvicitors: Mr B. H. Wilson;

Mr Saul Rothstein. Lord Justice Lawton agreed in allowing the appeal.

fore never fall to be shown as a separate item in any valuation was quite irrelevant to the procedure under paragraphs 7 and 8 which tixed the date when the whole became unoccupied. So the "owner", as defined in the schedule, of any hereditament which could be carved out of it was likely to a vary procession.

Court of Appeal

the procedure under paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 was that when

and 8 of Schedule 1 was that when the building owners agreed with the local ambority a date for completion of their building that date, by virtue of paragraphs 8(2) and 9, became the date on which the whole building was deemed to be unoccupied. By reference to that date, and applying the definition of "relevant period of vacancy" in paragraph 15, the owner of any relevant bereditament in that

relevant hereditament in that bullding became liable to pay the unoccupied rate under paragraph 1 three months from the deemed date of completion of the building.

It had been said that the pro-cedure was ineffective because the whole building never became a hereditament in respect of which any valuation was entered in the list and that it could only be effective if there was a coincidence

between the building and comple-tion notice and the hereditament

subsequently sought to be charged with the unoccupied rate underparagraph 1. His Lordship could not see why that should be so.

Ultimately the point turned on the construction of paragraph 8. "Hereditament" was defined in section 115 of the Act as including

section 115 of the Act as including any unit of property which was of would fall to be shown as a sepa-rate item in the valuation list. A local authority could foresee that

an empty office building would, when completed, be comprised in a relevant hereditament, because

it was a unit of property capable of single occupation and which, if it ever came into single occupation, would fall to be a separate item in the valuation list. The fact that it never did come into single occupation and would there.

single occupation and would there-fore never fall to be shown as a

Chancery Division

Parties bound by implied agency fore September 1, 1977. As it is our mutual intention to renego-tiate the lease before September 1, 1976, and as the area laid down in our letter of January 15 may be in excess of our new require-

Townsends Carriers Ltd v Before Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-[Judgment delivered April 22]

If a landlord and a tenant have, expressly or by implication, each respectively consigned the whole conduct and management of the reversion of the tenancy and of the tenancy itself to agents on their behalf, what is done in relation to the renarcy as between lation to the tenancy as between the landlord's agent and the tenant's agent will be as validly done as if it had been done between the landlord and the tenant themselves; and, in any case, where one party has acted to his detriment on what has been done in this way, the other party will be precluded from asserting that he is not bound by what has been done to the same extent as if his agent had been himself.

His Lordship so held when dismissing an action by Townsends Carriers Ltd, the lessors, against Pfizer Ltd, the lessees, for a declaration that a letter dated August 7, 1975, from Unicilife Ltd 10 Wilkinson Transport did not amount to a valid notice to exercise an option to determine lation to the tenancy as between

exercise an option to determine the lease.

Mr John Speed for Townsends;

Mr W. A. Blackburne for Pfizer.

The VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the lease dated August 13,

Pfizer.

Clause 4(c) provided: "If either the landlord or the tenant shall desire to determine the term hereby granted at any time after hereby granted at any time after August 31, 1973, and shall give to the other party 12 months' previous notice in writing of such its desire and if the tenant shall up to the time of such determination pay the tent and observe and perform the convergence of its nort begins the covenants on its part hereinbefore reserved and contained then in either case immediately on the expiration of such notice the present demise and everything herein contained shall cease and become void.

The reversion and the term remained vested in the original parties to the lease. The notice in dispute was con-The notice in dispute was contained in a letter, dated August, 7, 1975, sent by Unichiffe Ltd and signed by a director. Unicliffe and Pfizer were both wholly owned subsidiaries of Pfizer Group Ltd. The letter was addressed to Wilkinson Transport. A company called Wilkinson Transport Ltd. which wrote on notepaper headed, in large letters, "Wilkinson Transport", and which showed its full rame in small letters at the hor.

name in small letters at the bot-tom, was, like Townsends, a wholly owned subsidiary of B. G. Nominess Ltd and Lex Service Group Ltd. The first two paragraphs of the letter read: "I refer to the discussions which have taken place about the pending changes in our

about the pending changes in our leasing arrangements under the basic contract of August 13, 1970, between Unicliffe and Braybrook Townsend. . Clause 4(c) requires one of the parties to give 12 months previous notice in writing of its desire to terminate the arrangements if this is to be be-

ments we wish formally to give notice under clause 4(c) of our desire to terminate the arrange-ments as they presently stand as at September 1, 1976."

Townsends took out a summons seeking a declaration that the let-ter of August 7 did not amount ter of Angust 7 did not amount to a valid notice to exercise the option to determine the lease. Their case was simplicity itself. The landlord was, and always had been, Townsends; the tenant was, and always had been, Townsends; the tenant was, and always had been, Pfizer. The power of determination on the tenant's part could, therefore, only be exercised by Pfizer giving the appropriate notice to Townsends. That had not been done. The notice given by Unichiffe to Wilkinson Transport (with or without Ltd.) was thus niml ad rem.

For Pfizer, Mr Blackburne confessed and avoided. Although

For Pfizer, Mr Blackburne con-fessed and awoided. Although the demise was to Pfizer, the de-mised premises were soon used and operated by Unicliffe. From early days Townsends correspon-ded about the premises with Uni-cliffe and not Pfizer; and from 1974 all demands for rent were addressed to Unicliffe. By 1974 Wilkinson Transport had come on the scene: and thereafter rent the scene; and thereafter rent

1970, demised certain warehouse premises for a term of seven years from September 1, 1970. The lessor was Braybrook Townsends Ltd., which on September 1, 1972, changed its name to Townsends to fact per alium facit per se changed its name to Townsends had stood by Pfizer.

demands were sem, by Transport Ltd. In these circumstances, Mr Blackburne said, the maxim gui facit per alium facit per se had a just and beneficial operation. Townsends had stood by and allowed Wilkinson Transport to deal with the demised premises and anowen whichson transport to deal with the demised premises as if they belonged to them. Similarly, Pfizer, with the acquiescence of Townsends, had stood by and allowed Unicliffe to deal with the demised premises as if they were the teams. Wilkingon were the tenants. Wilkinson Transport and Unfalliffe had acted inter se as if they were indeed the landlord and the tenant resthe landlord and the tenant respectively. Wilkinson Transport were clothed with full authority by Townsends to act as agents on their behalf in relation to the reversion of the demised premises and Unicliffe were similarly clothed by Pfizer to act as agents on their behalf in relation to the tenanty. Accordingly, the case was one of general agency both as to the landlord and as to the tenant of the premises. The letter

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PAUL EDPINGTON in
DONKEY'S YEARS
"MICRAEL FRAYN'S delightful
comedy."—E. Standard. "Two hours
of bubbling laughter."—Daily Motor. tenant of the premises. The letter of August 7 was thus sent by an authorized agent of the tenant an authorized agent of the tenant to an authorized agent of the landlord, and on simple principles of agency was valid.

As an alternative way of publing the point, Mr Blackburne contended that if a landlord permitted another person to act as landlord in relation to the tenant, and the tenant acted on that representation, the landlord would be estopped from denying the valu-GRESHWICH. Crooms Hill S.E. 70.

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burne's arguments in their essentials and thought that on principle they provided a complete answer. sound in law and just in its result, to Townsends' claim. Such authority as there was provided some support for Pfizer. Accordingly, Townsends' claim failed and was dismissed.

Fair and sympathetic approach

trial tribunals ought not to take too technical or objective a view of the situation despite the strict terms of paragraph 6(7) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974. Mr Justice Kilmer Brown said in the Employment Appeal Tribunal. In the absence of any agreed procedure tribunals should ask themselves whether the employers' selection was so wrong that no reasonable management could have arrived at it.

The Appeal Tributal allowed an appeal by Walles Dove Bitunastic Ltd from a decision of a Newcastle upon Tyne industrial tri-

castle upon Tyne industrial tri-bunal that Mr Derek Woolcocks was entitled to compensation for unfair dismissal in that he had been unfairly selected for redun-dancy.

HIS LORDSHIP, who was sitting until the end of next year.

prepared to assume that there had been any misapplication of Petronius or Manwith assets, and accordingly it would be wrong to accept the broad ground advanced by Mr Dillon.

But his Lordship was equally not prepared to assume that the crime ", he says.

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Where it was alleged that an employer had unfairly dismissed an employee by contravening an agreed procedure for selecting employees for redundancy, industrial tribunals ought not to take too technical or objective a view to the great trade unions and managements were trying to hammer out agreed procedures which were fair to the majority of union members, one unfortunate person might suffer. But that fact was not suffern but that an employer had failed to operate an agreed procedure property. Nevertheless, suffer. But mat that was not sur-licient to find that an employer had failed to operate an agreed procedure properly. Nevertheless, unions and management had to show that there had been to mani-pulation of a redundancy situation so as to cause bardship to a par-icular Individual.

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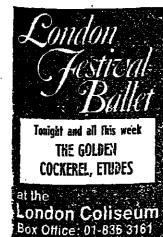
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The Country Party BBC I

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One test of a good television play must be a plot which makes you wender as the credits roll just what is going to happen to the characters next. Brian Clark's The Saturday Party was like that There was Peter Berkworth, the stockbroker, ger-ting the sack on the eve of his annual Christmas party, declaring that he wanted to leave the City, go out into the world, and create something more useful than dividends.

It was natural for the viewer to wonder just what he would do. The BBC had the bright idea of doing a sequel to the play. Mr Clark's three-year-old play was rerun on Monday night and on Tuesday we got the sequel, The Country Party.

Mr Barkworth as Richard. the former stockbroker, was the former stockbroker, was seen two years on separated from his wife, Jane (Sheila Gién) and running a country restaurant; or, as Richard would have it, eating house, for Richard doesn't like the word "restaurant" because it its French That fact was men. is French. That fact was mentioned several times on Tuesday so it must have been thought to be rather a key to his character.

Anyway, the old couple last seen as Richard's gardener and his lady were now installed in a hotel as barman and cook. They were robbing him blind. The discovery of the pilfering was one of the high moments of the play.

The restaurant, like the job in the City, was also seen as a useless dead-end. The main plot, however, turned round his daughter, Emma (Judi Bowker) attempting to reconcile the parents with a sur-prise birthday party for ber father at his restaurant.

The trouble was that it was one of the few nights when the place was fully booked; the viewer was given little gems of other lives of quiet despair. The trouble was Richard's mistress suddenly arrived and arrived pregnant by him: Richard had at last created something real although he did not seem too happy about it.

The trouble also was that when you attempt a sequel like this you have some sore of Crossroads or Coronation Street on your hands and clever, witty, and well-played as it all was there was no getting away from it being soap opera. Should we tune in again in three years' time?

NPO/Lonez-Cobos Festival Hall

William Mann

The sixth is still the most infrequently performed of Sibelius's seven symphonies; Jesus Lopez-Cobos commendably gave it a hearing in his concer on Tuesday with the New Philharmonia Orchestra, placing it wisely between two favourites svmobooic They had begun with Debussy's "Prelude à L'après midi d'un faune", a particularly good idea ince the NPO could offer the illustrious Richard Adeney as first flute, infinitely subtle in his modulation of the solo passages.

performances were Both slightly over-cossetted and un-natural, so the highlight of the concert became the performance, after the interval, of Brahms's violin concerto with Silvia Marcovici as soloist. The young Romanian-born violinist. now resident in Israel, has talent and to spare for the formidable demands of Brahms's work. Her cogent artistic per-sonality and effortless tech-nique include an ability to sustain one bow for exactly as long as the music requires (far as the music requires (13r longer than many modern viol-inists permit) with no tonal detriment, a wide range of elo-quent violin tone, almost cavernous in its immensity at forte, exquisitely delicate in piano, and a natural, instant understanding of the Brahms concerto's emotional contents.
The impress of this remarkable violinist's playing was enough to raily Mr Lopez-Cobos and the NPO for an orchestral part-nership as highly charged as her reading.

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It is not yet a complete reading: the Brahms is as much classic as romantic in musical content and Miss Marcovici, at 25, is still glorying in its high romanticism, excitably stepping on the gas, dallying erstatically with its expressive lyricism, treating note-values freely, sometimes to excess: a famous C minor passage in the first C minor passage in the first development depends on its dactylic rhythm which she smeared into less urgent trip-

In her first solo, and in the reprise of the glorious Adagio, her freedom showed that she was not playing "with" the orchestral players whose melody the violin is accompanying, just as she was not "with" her colleagues at the well known hesitation before the finale's second subject Given so flexible a solo-ist Mr Lopez-Cobos was encouraged to daily towards stagnation in the orchestral tuttis, Gordon Hunt's oboe solo in that Adagio deserved listening to and, for Miss Marcovici, treating as the sublime duet it is!

Lutoslawski's First Symphony

On May 20, in St John's, Smith Square, the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra will be giving the first public British performance of Witold Lutoslawski's Symphony No 1. It was written during and after the Second World War, first played in 1948 and then banaed for a decade by the Stalinist regime in Poland. James Blair

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will be the conductor.

Volpone

Olivier

Irving Wardle

After two long-winded productions that did little to prove his faith in uncut texts or his messianic claims for the Olivier Theatre, Peter Hall has at last got into stride. From its brazen opening gong stroke and John Gielgud's lightning acrival as a nattily informal modern dress Prologue, the evening radiates the joyous confidence of a magnificent team working with a master director, and leaves one convinced that nothing less would have done justice to the play. If the National Theatre can sustain that level, its opponents will have to find some new arguments.

I am still not convinced Shakespeare is susceptible to the Hall doctrine, but it certainly applies to Ben Jonson, for whom no modern style has yet been forged. Descriptions of Jonson's work invariably draw on adjectives of weight. mass, and elephantine move ment. One experience of seeing the work done right leaves you convinced for life that he is the mightiest of English comic writers. Everything in the text crackles up into an immense fire. The difficulty is that it takes a great deal of energy to get the fire going, and in light-weight productions it can seem that the spark is stiffed under dead wood: prolix knotty speech, intricate sub-plots and time-devouring minor charac-

ters who are usually cut.

The first point about this production is its superlative handing of Jonson's verse. I have never heard the play delivered at such speed, but with no loss to the variety and sense of the verse. As with an Olympic-weight-lifter, you are in no doubt that it is solid metal that is being heaved up in the air, even though it goes up like balsa wood. Thanks to that basic accomplishment, the action develops in clean muscular lines. never clogged by the mass of

language.
Volpone may seem too obvious a favourite for a



Photograph by Donald Cooper

Paul Scofield and Morag Hood

onson crusade, but (like the Henry IV cycle in bygone days) the public has only swallowed part of the play. The sub-plot for the Politic Wouldbe couple -inelfably stupid English visitors trying to make it in Venetian society-is generally treated as a tiresome encum-berance if it is not cut altogether. It will be hard for anyone to cut these scenes again after the performances of John Gielgud and Elizabeth Spriggs, which relate the monstrous moral inversions of the Italian comedy to the common domestic foibles of the British scene. Gielg th's Sir Politic, in

marvellous pertrait of a selfdeluded outsider until he is finally run humiliatingly to earth masquerading as a giant

tortoise. As for Miss Spriggs, brandishing a fixed rabbit smile under a bright red wig, and laying cum-into illusory enemies with her cut handbag, she has grasped the for essential fact that nobody cenes listens to a word the character says, and contents berself with discharging an endless stream of quacking verbiage while all around her, from Volpone downwards, recoil in ecstasies of boredom.

Meanwhile, the main action plus-fours and feathered beret, forever fumbling in his bag for secret documents, presents a delight at Jonson's plotting: the

use of Scoto's patent medicine to lure Celia to Volpone's bed; Corbaccio's late discovery that he has been left out of the will. The central partnership between Paul Scofield and Ben Kingsley is conducted on equal terms from the start, where we see Kingsley's Mosca conduct ing the domestic show for his patron's entertainment, just as he later conducts the bent wirnesses in the first trial Kingsley (aided by Deirdre Clancy's black-laced costume) is the complete fly: small, poisonous, amazingly fast, and buzzing over the spoils with instantaneous changes of a facial mask that never entirely conceal his underlying rapacity.

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Scofield partners him as a languid magnifico who joins in the game with lazy expertise whenever it takes his fancy. The performance develops in two stages: first with the Celia episode which galvanizes him into a performance (complete with Mantua accent as Scotn) tully equalizing with that of his

Secondly, where the plot starts going wrong, and—in a scene superbly conveying unspoken anxiety—you hear the great trumpet voice beginning to crack. Scofield is the most physical of our verse speakers, but never before has his delivery seemed so intensely visual One can literally see him attack-ing a speech from above or below; and among other vocal novelties he produces on this occasion is an exquisitely delicate unaccompanied some to Celia in the seduction scene; which is also the last approach one would have expected from Volpone Scofield goes along with the logic of the play, in other words, and refrains from coarsening the character.

The trio of dupes, led by Paul Rogers's Voltore, who expands into grotesque unction as the advocate, are deliciously contrasted; and the two virtuous young things are rightly presented as boobies by Morag Hood and the beefy Warren Clarke. The John Bury's stage, three marble avenues radiating into blackness beyond reversible swing doors, offers the best use yet made of that stage.

Making Wells better

show are samples of Doulting tion? stone in various stages of The Utopian answer is prob-decomposition, an angel figure ably to remove all the threatremarkable tierceron vault.
When Bishop Reginald began

sets it apart from some of its credibly risky operation. more famous and less distinuished neighbours. Not so the adopted at Wells is to remove West Front. Bishop Jocelyn's a selection of figures and remason, whoever he was, was an place them with stone replicas, eccentric. His design of c 1213 The siting of the sculpture throws a huge screen, wider museum has yet to be decided, throws a huge screen, wider than it is high, across the church and even beyond it. wrapping it round to project-ing angle towers. Nobody ing angle towers. Nobody standing in front of this screen with its multiplicity of shafted with its multiplicity of shafted niches, tier upon tier, could ever guess at what sort of church lies behind it. In the niches and recessed in every available surface there is sculpture; 397 figures in all survive, mostly dating from the period c 1213 to the middle years of the thirteenth century and many of superb quality. Wells is England's counterport

entirely.
The restoration began two and a half years ago but the story really goes back to 1970. Silanes behave. The springboard for all the good that followed was a gross act of philistinism. The correspondence columns of The Times have in recent years been the stage for much public debate on the rights and can be evolved which will pre-wrongs of this or that "restora- vent or at least hold the stone tion" of this or that building, Wren's Sheldonian, St. Paul's, and not least Wells. The addition in 1970 of modern heads to the famous group of the Virgin and Child over the central door raised an outcry which led the Dean and Chapter to propose the formation of an advisory committee. The Pilgrim Trust intervened decisively with a grant of £30,000. Never was money more wisely spent, for it allowed the restoration to begin with a period of cautious experiment. The guiding rule at Wells is not to do anything rash. Others, please take note.

Anybody who wants to look at English medieval sculpture has to visit our churches. What is happening at Wells is the first serious attempt to ensure that some of this sculpture survives for future generations to enjoy. The acceleration of surface decay has been alarming. By 1870 the Wells sculpture more than 600 years old. yet photographs taken at that time show that it was still in reasonably reasonably firm condition. Today the surface of many of

Tonight at Knoedler's Gallery the figures is reduced to the in Bond Street there is a small consistency of wet sand. The exhibition devoted to Wells whole face of one of the Evan-Cathedral West From restora- gelists was found lying on the tion, announced in The Times grass after a storm a few years leader of October 16, 1976. On ago. So what is the right solu-

partially cleaned and a photo- ened sculpture to museum congraphic commentary on the ditions. There are good examproblems faced at Wells and ples of this, for instance at the solutions proposed. A Freiburg in the Black Forest. larger selection of sculpture The originals cannot yet be can be seen throughout this replaced with casts, because summer in the majestic setting nobody has worked out a sysof the Chapterhouse at Wells, tem for making them highly beneath England's most durable and moulding them without harming the originals.

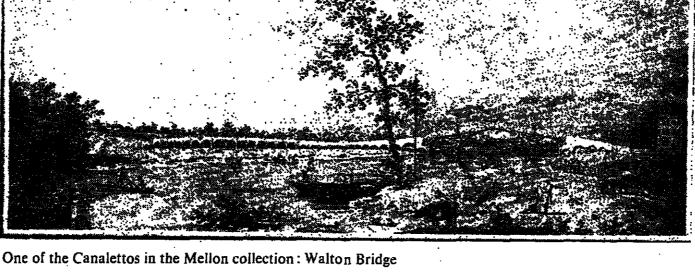
Anyway at Wells some of the be thought on an intimate scale. The Wells vaults are not only 3 inches thick are high, the interior has a scale. high, the interior has an ele-cemented into the masonry, so gance and purity of line which that to remove them is an in-

The compromise solution but why not the Treasury, a beautiful room below the Chapter house which is seldom seen by the public and would be easy to administer? The vast majority of figures are to stay in position and will be treated with a soluble lime preparation which provides them with a new outer skin. This skin will in time erode but the surface beneath will remain intact and the skin can be replaced. In essence this is a holding operation. Meanwhile tests with a new chemical treatment, deepof the transept facades of ly penetrating silanes, are Chartres, almost exactly conbeing carried out. The silanes temporary and in its way no have committed support in cerless remarkable. This sculpture tain scientific quarters, but I is in danger of disappearing believe that the Wells Committee that the well and the tee are rightly biding their time. For in the long term we have no knowledge of how the

So where does this leave the

Wells Appeal? It is not simply another attempt to get the public to pay for the upkeep of a monument. There are wider issues involved. If a system decay ("la Maledie de la Pierre"), then there is a chance that such a system vill be widely adapted. The Gorgan-ment has entered into a firm commitment to help with repair and maintenance of Historic Churches in Use up to £1m per annum (at 1973 levels). But cathedrals are excluded from this grant. The Minister is relying on public appeals to rescue our cathedrals. A glance at the predic-ament of the small rural churches in France suggests that she has a point. There a different government grant system has led to a relative concentration on the big churches and an insistence on the local commune contributing to the restoration of the parish church, with the predictable result that often nothing at all is done. So Wells is a public appeal for £1,500,000. Soon the future of the Lincoln Judgment Portal decided. Wells is precedent for making haste

Neil Stratford



Yale's 1700 Mellon pictures

which was opened to the public at New Haven last week. It is true that since 1931 he had been collecting English colourplate books, books on racing and hunting, works by Blake and sporting pictures to decorate his house; but only a small fraction of the collection of pictures and drawings was bought before 1959. It is an

astonishing achievement.

In that year be met the art critic, Basil Taylor. Their admiration for English sporting pictures forged a bond of friendship. Basil Taylor introduced bim to the essentially English art of watercolours. Happy memories of childhood summer visits to England, an English mother, the pleasure he derived from his father's pictures, a love of the countryside and sport, English studies at Yale, followed by a year at Cambridge, gave Paul Mellon a predilection for all things English. He became, in his own words, "a galloping Anglo phile". But no one, including perhaps the donor himself, could have regized the quality and extent of his collection until they saw it assembled at

Numbers may not be of paramount importance. But to give the prospective visitor and scholar an idea of the wealth of material in the collection, it should be said that there are over 1,700 pictures, some 7,000 drawings, about 5,000 prints and 20,000 books. All this is housed in a gallery given and endowed by Paul Mellon and over the design of which he Professor Jules Prown of Yale, and Louis Kahn, the architect, collaborated closely. The building differs radically from most recently built museums. It is integrated porary screens and a confusion of space, has been avoided. like my pictures hung on the four walls of a room with a door to go in by", Paul Mellon once said. At Yale there are possibilities for Yale there are possibilities for brilliantly painted picture, adaptation but, basically, Louis lately identified as the Browne Kahn has created a series, not Family of Covent Garden, illusof galleries, but of modest-sized room-like spaces, recalled the size of the complete size of the siz

Art News assured me that the Melion Centre in London, there would never be another has chosen an exhibition of great private collector of old English landscape, drawings, pictures in America. How prints and books from 1630 to wrong he was. In the very next 1850 and has produced a year, Paul Melion began to acquire the unrivalled collection of British art which he Museum, could a comparable has now given to Yale and exhibition be mounted, and which was opened to the publication of the private in London, there is enough the private in London, there is enough the private in London, the private in London in London in London, the private in London in London in London in there is enough material of equal quality in the collection to produce a second exhibition without duplication. Everything is here: fastidiously chosen drawings by minor artists too numerous to list, the poetry of Cozens and Gainsborough, Cozens and Gainsborough, dashing Rowlandsons, charming Sandbys, visionary Palmers, boldly designed Townes, Constable in Suffolk, de Wint in Lincolushire, Wilson in Italy, Canaletto in England, Corman in the Greta Valley, Girtin in Paris and Devonshire, and Turner everywhere. The icy Source of the Arveyron, Turn-Source of the Arveyron, Turner's first view of the Swiss mountains in 1802, leads on to Venice, the Grand Canal, c.1840, "brushed with a butterfly's wing", and the glorious colour of the Lake of Lucerne of 1845, of which Ruskin, who once owned it, wrote, "Turner had never made any drawings like these before and never made any like them again". All of this is backed by a wide selection from the unique Courtauld collection of

Turner prims. The second special exhibition, The Pursuit of Happiness, was chosen by Professor Plumb of Cambridge. He has written a most enjoyable essay, full of vivid detail, on the gradual opening of the state on han opening of the gates to hap-piness in eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century England. The exhibition illustrates a wide variety of subjects, travel at home and abroad, books, music, science, painting and here in particular from Cuyp, collecting, public and private occasions, birds, animals, to his own original subtlety games, sports of all kinds, picturesque scenery, the theatre, good that Americans can see a houses and gardens. It is in really great Turner in perfect fact an epitome of the Mellon condition (it took exactly half Collection. Among the high- a day to clean). lights are the sporting pictures by Pollard and Marshall, the with the street series of small shops at ground level. Natural light was considered essential, and the top floor is bathed in glorious day light. Moreover, that disastrous sesses some 200. There are pictures by famous artists like Gainsborough's enchancing Girl Canaletto's sparkling Lord light and the stanting line of Mayor's Procession at West red brown buildings reminster Bridge and fascinating flected in the waters of the in Blue reading in a park or pictures by such little-known artists as Feary, Cordrey and Huskisson. Perhaps Wheatley's

It must have been in 1958 that special exhibitions. Christopher scape and, while the children the then editor of American White, director of studies at fish or play, the father Art News assured me that the Mellon Centre in London, sketches or plans improvements to his estate. Happiness is the keynote, in mood, in colour and in informal design. Through these two exhibition

floors mounts the staircase, perhaps, owing to the fire department's interference, one not altogether successful feature of the building. It rises through the lofty Library Court where hang the two huge pictures by Stubbs, A Lion attacking a Horse and A Lion attacking a Star leoking Lion attacking a Stag, looking as if they might have been sculpted by a Greek artist of the classic age, and the two immense Welsh landscapes by Wilson, surely the master-pieces of this still under-appreciated painter. And, on the bighest, daylit floor bangs a galaxy of stars. Constable's noble Hadleigh Castle, a landscape of emotion if ever there was one, looks far more beautiful than it ever did at the Tate exhibition. It is flanked by the large sketch of the Opening of Waterloo Bridge and the redis-covered original of Malvern Hall. Incidentally, these three pictures have all, after being "lost" for over 50 years, been recently rediscovered, (the Malvern only a few weeks ago), in an American, a French and

landscape. Next door hangs Turner's View of Dordrecht, the Packet Boat becalmed, with eight other pictures by Turner. The Dort, as it is familiarly called, is one of Turner's supreme masterpieces. It marks the point in his career when he had assimilated all he could learn from the Old Masters. here in particular from Cuyp,

The collection is particularly rich in Boningtons of which the large Fish Market, Boulogne, is perhaps the most im-portant. There is also a brilliant group of small lands-capes, fully justifying Delacroix's admiration for Bonington, of which my favourite is the tiny Venice with its pearly red brown buildings re-flected in the waters of the Grand Canal. How often has one seen Venice on such a day. Of the many Hogarths, the Beggars' Opera is outstanding. Zortany never painted more appealingly than in the Couper and Gore Families making Music in Florence and among sized room-like spaces, recalling the spirit of the rooms and
halls of an English house.

For the opening occasion, much a family occasion. It is a master of light and shade,
two floors were devoted to sunny day in a romantic landWright of Derby, is repre-

sented by an astonishingly varied group of lamp-light scenes, moonlit landscapes, unconventional portraits and a conversation piece. And then there are the Stubbs pictures (for the New York Times George Tubbs (sic) is Paul Mellon's favourite artist) the Cream-Coloured Ponies drawing a Phaeton, the Zebra, the four Shooting Landscapes, Turf with a Rider (a magnificent synthesis of form and atmosphere) and the very small landscape of Neumarket Heath, "the most beautiful racecourse in the world

Paul Mellon's taste has perhaps widened, and two great portraits by Reynolds add balance to the collection. The full length of Lord Harrington. aide de camp to General Burgoyne in the War of Independence, is so perfectly preserved, with all its orginal rich glazing, that one can understand why Reynolds's contemporaries praised so highly his Venetian colour and his debt to Venetian painzing, here obviously to Veronese. As for Mrs

ing some 200 years of English painting. This eighteenth-century style of hanging is com-pletely successful. And in this gallery are a number of pic tures, especially by Scott and Wilson, of a quality that will surely bring them, in the near future, to the main rooms. Just before the exhibition opened, Mrs Mellon remarked to her husband, "We collect

all this. Then they tell us why we collected them." I wouldn't presume to anticipate the art historians' conclusions. I would say, however, that Paul Mellon collected English pictures because he loved them, because it was an intense pleasure to him to re-create world he admired, and would add that he seemed to derive equal pleasure from the generosity of his gift. This is a very personal collection, and best remembered collections are usually those that reveal the personality behind them New Haven, easily accesfrom Boston and New sible York, has become a for all those who value English

Geoffrey Agnew Sir Geoffrey Agnew is manag-ing director of Thos Agnew and Sons, Ltd.

As the collection has grown.

Abington, in pose, in colour, in charm, in character, she is all that an actress and a portrait should be. Finally, to round off the English art scene, there has just been acquired one of Rubens's dashing and sumpa Swiss collection respectively.

All the rest of the Coustable room is filled with enchanting small sketches, of clouds, trees, fields, ships and glimpses of still a surprise to come. In the I say finally, but there is still a surprise to come. In the long Study Gallery, divided into bays, hang, frame to frame, three or four deep, nearly 500 more pictures, cover-

the Royal Baller's season at Sadler's Wells began and ended in fine style. Margaret Barbieri and Desmond Kelly led the bravura display dances of Raymonda. In Checkmate, Robert Helpmann resumed his old role of the red king, sur-veying with baleful regret the way David Ashmole's upstand-ing red knight succumbed to the blandishments of Maina Gielgud as the black queen. Between those came the London premiere of Lyan Sey-mour's second creation for the company, The Court of Love. Right from her first workshop

The Court of Love

A gala opening on Tuesday for

Sadler's Wells

John Percival

The Evangelist who lost his face

attempts at choreography, she showed a flair for spotting new talent among young dancers, and she demonstrates it again The scene is a medieval court where various suitors hope to find favour with the ladies. Un-fortunately there are too few to go round. In fact, apart from the queen and six pretty but silly trumper-toting angels, there are only two,

Susan Frizgerald's role is described in the programme as an enchantress, but she seems more of a medieval anybody's. After being draped in languorous poses by her mainly ill-suited admirers, she ends up with Carl Myers as a knight who is per-

haps more bold than discreet. Susan Lucas plays enchantingly a more innocent maiden who will doubtless bring joy to the naively ardent troubadour presented by Bernd Berg.

Sadly, the choreography is mostly as feeble as the plot. Much of the stomping around in the finale looked so perfunctory that the dancers might almost have been making it up as they went along. When more elaborate effects are intended, they get lost in a general muddle of bodies huddling, rushing or madly flailing their

As an attempt to stage something apt for a royal jubilee, the theme is more imaginative than most, but it seems to have fizzled out in mere ingenuity, with the bite and wit of Seymour's earlier ballets being lost in the process. Only the sar-donic bleakness of David Bintley as one of the under-standably rejected suitors gives a flash of real quality.

Seymour cannot have derived presided over by a queen, much inspiration from the score, specially written by Howard Blake His previous ballets have been agreeable pastiches of nineteenth-century chamber or piano music. This time for some reason he seems to have taken Khachaturian as his model and has produced a soupy, flavourless brew like a sub-Spartacus.

Dimitra Maraslis's costume designs are faithful to the period and often more pretty or witty than anything else in the

Cloonlara class can clinch classic

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

Disappointed as they obviously were not to win the 2,000 Guineas with The Minstrel at Newmarket vesterate. Vincent O'Brien and Lester Piggott still have a good chance of salvaging something from what has been an indifferent week for them so far by winning the 1,000 Guineas there today with

Cloonlara. Anyone who backs them to win this consolation prize is banking on Cloonlara being as brilliant this spring as she was last summer and also on her being as good when she is racing over a mile as she was over only five and six furlongs. O'Brien, with his great wealth of experience behind him, is convinced that Cloonlara is up to the task and that is good enough for me. It is also a big enough for me. It is also a big point in her favour that Piggott has decided to ride her instead of Durtal, who won the Cheveley Park Stakes and the Fred Darling

Stakes so impressively.

Some questioned Cloonlara's temperament after she had been temperament after she had been left at the start at Ascot earlier this month, but she was not to blame. I saw the film of that incident last week and Cloudara was simply standing stock still. facing the wrong direction and showing no signs of ill-temper whatsoever when the storter dropped his flag. Happily today's race will be started from stalls race will be started from stalls so there ought to be no nonsense this time. Since Ascot Cloonlars has done

Since Ascot Cloonlara has done everything asked of her in her workours both at home in Co Tipperary and at Newmarket, where she has been stabled for the past week, and I will be both surprised and disappointed if she fails to outclass her 17 opponents this afternoon. By winning all her three races in Ircland last year Choonlara completely outshode all the other two-year-olds in training there.

Her brilliance can be measured by the ease with which she beat the Royal Ascot winner, Godswalk, in the Phoenix Stakes at Phoenix Park in August. Covering the five

In the Phoenix Stakes at Phoenix Park in August. Covering the five furlongs there in \$7.10sec, she strolled home six lengths in front of Godswalk, who had already won the Norfolk Stakes very easily at Royal Ascot, not to mention three other races in Ireland. Before that Choonlara had won her precious races by fire lengths. her previous races by five lengths. By Our Newmarket Correspondent
Anyone is entitled to ask 2.0 Cunard. 3.5 Haco. 3.35 Salian. 4.10 Questa Notte. 4.40 Arctic whether one so fast will stay a Tribune.

1 000 Guineas runners and riders

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Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Hawkins. 2.30 Bootlares. 3.5 CLOONLARA is specially recom-mended. 3.35 Milliondollarman. 4.10 Ribramble. 4.40 Arctic Tribune. 5.10 Owen Jones.

Newmarket results

mile. O'Brien is sure that she will and she certainly has a pedigree that suggests that today's distance will be no bother to her at all. Sanedtki, Danseuse their hopes on the elegant head not start for her classic trial in 1967, but that did not prevent her from winning her classic on the all-important occasion.

With Durial being kept on ice for the French 1000 Guineas on Sunday it must be debatable whether we have a filly trained in this conntry capable of finishing in the first four. The French are

muile. O'Brien is sure that she will mounting a particularly strong that strong the season and I she certainly has a pedigree this afternoon for the 12 months ago with Flying Water and this time they are pinning their hopes on the elegant head of Danseuse Etoile, who is likely to make a lot of friends when she appears in the paddock.

With Chondlara left at the post, the Ascot 1000 Guineas Trial was eventually won by Sanedtki, who beat Molda very comfortably. The French contingent who accombat that she would win irrespective of whether Cloonilara took part, and whether we have a filly trained in this conntry capable of finishing in the first four. The French are carried her owner's colours with great distinction. Danseuse Etoile has been working well at Chantilly, but I still think that it is too much to expect a filly who has run only once and over 10 furlongs to win this particular classic. No one ought to be surprised if Danseuse Etoile is either run off her legs early on or is too green when the chips are down.

down.

River Dane: who finished second to Blushing Groom In the Prix Robert Papin last July, will be one of those likely to try to rush them all off their feet early on. Her owner. Robert Sangster, is likely to tell Patrick Eddery to make telling use of River Dane's great speed.

Robert Papin last July, will be one of those likely to try to rush them all off their feet early on. Her owner. Robert Sangster, is likely to tell Patrick Eddery to make telling use of River Dane's great speed

Form: Be Easy. See Freeze the Secret. Cleenkare, see Sanedtid. Previously (385) 11th wun of. 4 From Godswalt (9-0) and Ring Leader (9-0). Phoenic Park. April 25. 11tm. The Certaes Park. April 25. 11tm. The Certaes Park. April 25. 11tm. The Certaes Park. April 25. 11tm. The Minstrel was making up his ground on the outside of the field.

Sceptifical (19 Fan. Cramond, see Street (8-12) and Verity (8-12). Longchaupt. April 11; 'wn. Holding. Fakely Hot, see Freeze the Secret. Flest Armada (9-2) won 11-1; all from River Dane (9-2) and Resp. (9-1) out. Newbarts. April 1-1; and Falely Hot (3-8). Will Grammed (8-1) and Easy Landing (8-11). York Asol 11-6; Good. 12 ran. Icana (8-11) and Falely Hot (3-8). Will Grammed (8-2) and Easy (9-1) out. Newbarts. April 1-6; Good. 12 ran. Icana (8-11) and Easy Landing (8-21). York Asol 11-6; Good. 12 ran. Icana (8-11) and Easy Landing (8-21). York Asol 11-6; Good. 12 ran. Icana (8-11) and Easy Landing (8-21). York Asol 11-6; Good. 12 ran. Icana (8-11) and Easy Landing (8-2) will Grammed (8-2) and Easy Landing (8-2). Newborrs. April 1-6; Good. 12 ran. Icana (8-11) and Easy Landing (8-2) will Grammed (8-2) and Easy Landing (8-2) an

Nebbiolo is king in a non-vintage

By Michael Seely

The Irish captured the 2000 But the winner was not the pride of Tipperary, the 6-5 favourite. The Minstrel, but Nebbiolo, a 20-1 chance, trained by Kevin Prendergast on the Curragh. This was the fourth Irish victory in the first relassic since the war. following the triumph of Martial in 1960, Sir. Ivor in 1968 and Nijinsky in 1970.

This was a satisfactory result in

many ways as Nebbiolo, who won the Gimcrack Stakes last summer, upheld the value of the previous season's two-year-old form. But no one can contend that it was a

Although Paddy Prendergast's each official New York. Ascot. April 2. 71. Heavy. 18 Fair. Ascot. April 2. 71. Heavy. 19 Fair. Ascot. April 3. 72. Heavy. 19 Fair. Ascot. Ascot.



Nebbiolo appears hardly to have raised a sweat during his classic victory.

had only 3 lb between them. As only two lengths separated them at the post, he can be congratu-lated on a sound job of work. Although Paddy Prendergast's son, Kevin, has won four Irish classics with Northern Treasure, Pidget and Comor Pass, yesterday's success was his first in this field in this country. Nebbiolo was admirably ridden by the 27-year-old Gabriel Curran, who has been with Prendergast for the past 10 years.

4.15 YARM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £582: 5f)

4.45 HEMLINGTON STAKES (Maidens: £513: 1]m 115yd)

5.15 SEAMER STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o maidens: £602: 1m)

she won him eight races includ-ing the group three Stutenpreis at Krefeld. Krefeld.

He then sold her at the end of her three-year-old career, but bought her back at the Newmarket sales when carrying Nebbiolo, who is by the speinter, Yellow God.

But Novara is a daughter of the speinter of the field.

not run.
6.0: 1. Long Lang (L-9 fav); 2. Jim
b. 0: 10-1: 3. Hornstone (9-1: 6 rah.)
Rudge Hill did not run.
c. 33: 1. Party Line (100-30); 2.
Ptarmigan HI (9-1): 3. Tartan Slane
6-1: Spartan Miedie 5-2 fav. 8 rah.
True Luck did not run.
7.10: 1. Capalesa (15-8 fav); 3.
Just the Job (11-4); 5. Vodka Cap
(9-2): 10 ran. katte Fare did not run.
7.53: 1. Ma Lett (13-8): 2. Relition

stoutly bred German stallion, Birkhahn, who has been eight times either leading sire or sire of brood mares in his mative

Newmarket programme

(Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.35 races) 2.0 MAY STAKES (2-y-o maiden c & g: £1,379: 5f) STAKES (2-y-o maiden c & g : 1,379 : 5f)

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2.30 RUTLAND HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,266: 14m) 19; 0030-12 Bootlacts (D. W. Jones), P. Robinson , 9-5 P. Young 2 14 192-202 Gleaming Wave (Cheveley Park Sind , B. Lunness , 19-1 203 233-321 Glazepta Rework (D.B) (J. Marshall), A. Jarris, 8-15

3.5 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £37,298: 1m)

3.35 BOTESDALE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,012: 11m)

34702-b Jimmy the Singer (G-D) Mrs 5 Bates, R Lunness, 4-9-7 G. Siarkey 1.7 G2120-b Last Tango (D) (R. McRobertt, J. Succiffe, 6-9-8

4.40 HEATH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,180: 1m) Meish Dancer (G. Weston), H. Cecil, 9-1 ... J. Mercer Sotto II Vuicano (C. Weston), H. Cecil, 9-1 ... J. Dettori Nobody's Fool (C) (E. de Roinschild), P. Walwyn, B. I. Jam (D) (Mrs. J. de Rothschild), B. Hobbs, R. G. Lewis Merry Musketer (Mrs. S. Ribecki, M. Jarvis, 3-8-7 merry Musketer (Mrs. S. Ribecki, M. Jarvis, 3-8-7 merry Musketer (Mrs. S. Ribecki, M. Jarvis, S. R. Eccles 5: San Bernadino (I. Bryanti, M. Jarvis, 8-3 ... S. Eccles 5: San Bernadino (I. Risen, R. Almestrons, 8-2 ... W. Carson Arctic Tribune (L. Gordon), R. Jarvis, 8-1 ... M. Thomas

Catterick Bridge

ALSO RAN: Jacoba (441)
ALSO RAN: Jacoba (4th), King
orde, 50-1 Straight Palm (n. 6 ran.
TOTE: Whn. 50p; blares, 26p; south
day Ap. Both Woods 10p. forecasts
title Gadge and South Today. 35p.
title Gadge and Both Woods, £1.28
C. Walts at Bridlington, 31 dead

Teesside Park programme

2.15 SEAMER STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o maidens: £602: 1m) 2.45 LIMBER STAKES (2-y-o: £350: 5f)

1 Dead Easy, J. Vickers, 8-11

2 DO Dougle Lag (B), D. Doyle, 3-11

3 OAO Nabriston, D. Williams, 8-11

40 Fine Crop, E. Collingwood, 8-8

10 O Legal Miss, J. Hardy, 8-8

12 OO Qukk Away, G. kiloards, 8-8

13 Sadbergs Wonder, J. Vickers, 8-8

14 OO Scattercash (B), R. Stubba, 8-8

15 Tantalum, H. Blackshaw, 8-8

9-2 Legal Miss, 3-1 Culck Away, 1-2 Nabriston, 6-1 Fine Collingwood, 12-1 others.

5.5 (3.7) 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (5-5-0: £46,857: 1m)
Nebbiolo, ch (, by Yellow God—
Nogar (N. Schibbye), 9-0
G. Curtan (20-1) 1
Tachypous, b (, by Holfon—Sulvi
(G. Cambanis), 9-0-bi
G. Lewis (12-1), 2 la (10-1) 9 AC OD ATI

> Uttoxeter NH 5.35 NORBURY STEEPLE-OOD Fortune's Pride, 10-10-7
>
> To Pet Raily, 12-10-7 P. Gorville 7
>
> Net ar Question, 11-10 Barrey 7
>
> OOD Elaines My Queen, 5-10-7
>
> M. Williams
>
> 400 Come On Friday, 8-10-7 Johan

6.5 CANNOCK HURDLE (Div I:

4 40 (4.45) PRETTY POLLY STAKES

"3-y-0 filles: £2.494: 11 m)
Ounterline, b f. bs Royal Place
—Strathcora (The Queen), 8.3
Olwyn, b f. by Refto-Mantabala

15. Vaniani, 8 Refto-Mantabala

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15. Vaniani, 9 P. Paqued (10-1; 2
On the Fringe, b f. bg Vagueiv
Noble—Island

Valines), 8-7

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Guana, 12-1 Windy

Sen. Morlinsky (4th), 14-1 Rowerbird

24-1 Uneka, 3-3-1 Rampage, 9 ran,

TOTE: Win, 309; places, 159, 22p,

132; dual forecast, 21.04, W. Hern,

at West Hisley, 41, 2-1 Emin 06.64 sec.

A. Kumberiey 5
B. Hedley 7
L. M. Kettle 1 | 16-1 Gregoring, 12-1 others. | 3.15 DURHAM HANDICAP (£692 : 11m) | 1 1010-00 Autumn Glow, T. Fairhurst. | 40.7 | 3.14 Fairhurst. | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40

STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:



Teesside Park selections

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Roxwell, 3.15 Tyrannos. Uttoxeter selections By Our Racing Staff

Same. 6.35 Ben More. 7.5 Game Gentleman, 7.35 Florida King, 8.5

7.45: 1. He Last (13-9): 2, Roldaro (3-1): 3. Brother Scot (20-1): Abertrombie evens (2v. 9 ran. Bruve Money and Noighborly did not run. Kelso NH 7.13 YARM HANDICAP (3-y-0: £582: 5f) 2 030210 Fortorn Scot (C-D), W. C. Watts, 9-5 D. Nicholis 5 7 2 10100-0 Wip Finish (D), R. D. Peacock, 8-15 O. Gray 1 5 3100-03 Dam Water (D,E), T. Fairhurst, 8-1 S. Webster 5 5 2 214-12 Ma Fol (D), R. Blackstaw, 8-0 P. d'Arcy 7 5 8 3304-00 Win-Late, G. Toft, 7-10 P. d'Arcy 7 5 9 0221-3 Fibeal (D), M. H. Estierby, 7-9 S. Salmon, 8 10 0-013 Waveland, J. Skilling, 7-8 R. Salli 9 11 0000-3 Servet State, J. Etheringion, 7-5 L. Parkes 2 12 10000-3 Patamine (D), J. Hardy, 7-2 B. Salmon, 8 11-Secret Stake, 7-5 Fibeel, 9-3 Palamine, 6-1 Ma Fol, 8-1 Dam Water, Win-Lass, 10-1 Waveland, 12-1 others. 230 MAKERSTOUN HURDLE (Handicap: £354: 2m)

4.45 HEMLINGTON STAKES (Maidens: £513: 13m 115yd)

2000 Duc De Botebet, S. Mellor, 4-9-0 G. Baxtor 11

22440-0 High Steward F. Devar, 4-9-0 G. Sexton 2

300-2 Justafancy, G. Richards, 4-9-0 G. Oldroyd 9

4-2 Klag's Palace, H. Cecil, 4-9-0 A. Kimberley 3

6000-00 Lin Siloper, K. Muthard, 4-9-0 T. Lappin 10

9 Code Composer, J. Muthard, 4-9-0 T. Lappin 10

10 O- Soldiers Floid, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 14

11 OCO00-0 Alevis High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 14

12 OG000-0 Alevis High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 14

13 Officers Floid, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 14

14 Officers High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 14

15 Officers High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 15

16 Officers High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 16

17 Officers High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 16

18 Officers High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 16

19 Officers High, F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 16

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17 Officers High F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 16

18 Officers High F. Wiles, 5-9-0 D. Micholis 5, 16 3.0 RUTHERFORD STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: 5543: 2m 196yd)

3.30 MAXTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £306: 2m)

[Div I: novices: £300; 2m]
100 Heckley Surpriso 5-13-8
00 Aline Margaret 5-10-12 Baimer 5
0340 Comminded 6-10-12 Baimer 5
0340 Comminded 6-10-12 Bourts 5
000 Mr. Manna 5-10-12 Bourts 5
000 Mr. Manna 5-10-12 Memory
000 Naral King 5-10-12 Memory
000 Pokey 10, 3-10-12 Distributed 6-10-12 Bourts 5
0-00 Spring Soloff 5-10-12 Charlton 5
0-00- Whitehurch, 5-10-12 Mr Davison 7 4.0 TEVIOT STEEPLECHASE

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2.30 Blundel. 3.0 London Express.
3.30 Continhugh. 4.0 Indian
Emperor. 4.30 Three To One. 5.0
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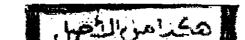
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Liverpool take another majestic step towards lofty ambition

Football Correspondent
Liverpool 3 Everton 0
Another step towards their lofty Everton 0 ambition to win three major prophies this season was taken mophies flus season was taken with surprising ease by Liverpool at Maine Road Manchester last night. The replayed FA cup semi-final round the found Everton incomparably less efficient and determined than in Saturday's first meeting and they left Liverpool to meet Manchester United at Wembley on May 21. at Wembley on May 21.
The cast of Saturday's dramatic

The cast of Saturday's Gramanc match remained unaltered apart from the absence of Heighway who, at the height of that the had violendy twisted his body like a length of liquurice. Latchford whom Everton had hoped would whom Everton had hoped would be fit, was not. Conditions were substantially better, with a dry pitch and a high bouncing ball, but the game was slower to lift off, though when it did reach a high plateau of excitement there was little to choose between the two. The main difference was that Everton's part in the evertwo. The main difference was that Everton's part in the enter-ainment was here severely re-suicted.

Liverpool's determination not to he caught by their mistakes of the first match was clear from the beginning. They gave Everton no time to settle into a rhythm and, in particular, they quickly pushed their defenders forward in an attempt to avoid being caught by the high centres that caused them so many difficulties on by the high centres that caused them so many difficulties on Saurday. They also put a ringed fence around McKenzic whenever be approached their penalty area. They used Fairclough wide, mainly on the left side but his roming into the middle also worried Everton's defenders who found the pressure far greater

Clever Scotland

Scotland 3 Sweden 1
Scotland gave Sweden a lesson
in chance-taking in this friendly
international at Hampden Park
last night. The Scots capped their
lead up with goals, in contrast to
the Swedes, who were all polish
and no punich

me swedes, who were all polish and no punch.
Scotland were a well drilled dde competent in defence, progressive in the middle and nippy up front. Rough's handling could

preby be faulted. McGrain and Donachie never put a foot wrong at full back. Blackley and Forsyth teamed up well, while Glavin's strong running and intelligent use of the bad stood out.

Dalglish and Johnston were real live wires in an attack that was

live wites in an attack that was always a menace on the break. Scotland's opening goal in 30 minutes was unusual. Hartord's drive from the 18-yards line following a Donachie cross came back off the upright and the goalkeeper's back. off which the ball rebounded tuto the net. Sweden drew level in 51 minutes when Wendt sent a left-footed rocket from 25 yards past Rough. Daiglish scored a second goal for Scotland five minutes her with a shot that was deflected.

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TREBLE CHANCE

give Swedes

scoring lesson

then in the first game. Johnson's speed through the centre was another problem and twice in the first 15 minutes he stretched them to the limit linking attractively with Keegan. Clive Thomas had controlled the first half so sensitively that when, after half an hour here he ruled a controversial pensity against Everton one had penalty against Everton one had to accept his obvious confidence when deciding that Pejic pushed Johnson as a high ball came down in the penalty area. It was not the most bitter of fouls, but sufficient to set Liverpool on their way. Neal scored with a high strong kick.

strong kick.

For a short time Everton rallied but Liverpool's spirits were
too high for them and Johnson
continued to lead athletically.

McDermott curled a stunning shot
around the nost, and only in the McDermott curled a stunning shot around the post, and only in the few minutes immediately before their second two goals did some nervous sweat break on Liverpool brows. Once just after half-time they were fortunate not to concede a penalty themselves. Mc-Kenzie won a small amount of freedom coming towards the penalty area. Clemence rushed out to meet him and raised his foot high. In delayed action Mc-Kenzie fell as if kicked. He was in the penalty area but Mr Thomas decided no conract had been made and awarded an indirect free kick

decided no contact had been made and awarded an indirect free kick that brought no reward.

The second half was gripped with increasing firmness by this remarkably powerful Liverpool team and they might have secured their place at Wembley earlier when Buckley clearly handled the ball in the Everton penalty area, but Mr Thomas had been generous enough to them and in any case

Keith Bertschin squandered two

Keith Bertschin squandered two first half chances as England's young hopefuls struggled to find their club form in last night's under-21 international against Scotland at Bramall Lane, Sheffield. After 15 minutes Cunningham swung over a low cross, but Bertschin completely miskicked in front of goal and finished up flat on his back.

Three minutes later Ferguson, the Scottish goalkeeper, allowed a

the Scottish goalkeeper, allowed a free kick from Daniel to slip through his hands. This time Bertschin was too slow to pounce and Reid blocked his shot. Five

minutes before the interval, and with England well on top, Ferguson atoned for his earlier error, diving full length to push away a shot from Posch. The Scots diving the played plenty of spirit, but rarely worried their experienced opponents.

Scotland restarted with Billy

England struggle home

through Cunningham



Lawson, the Everton goalkeeper, beats Fairclough to a high ball at Maine Road last night

earlier hairline decision had favoured them. Within a three minute period late in the game they added two more goals.

That rugged campaigner Smith The second half was gripped with increasing firmness by this remarkably powerful Liverpool team and they might have secured their place at Wembley earlier when Buckley clearly handled the ball in the Everton penalty area, but Mr Thomas bad been generous enough to them and in any case Liverpool soon took the goals that dismissed any doubts that the

Scotland 0 a short corner to Barnes, whose ndered two curling tentre was headed firmly England's home by Cunningham.

Everton's midfield became increasingly ineffectual and it wa reasingly interestina and it was no surprise when, from Keegan's free kick, Kennedy had two attempts at a close shot and succeeded with the second. The dismissal of Everton was unexpectedly comfortable for their old rivals.

LIVERPOOL: R Clemence: P. Neal.
Jones, T. Smith, R. Kennedy, E.
Hughes, K. Keegan, J. Case, D.
Johnson, D. Fairtlough, T. McDermott,
EVERTON: D. Lawson: T. Darracott, M. Pelk, M. Lyons, K.
McNaught, B. Bluch, M. Buckly, M.
Dobson (18th), A. King, J. Pearson,
D. McKenzie, R. Goodlass,
Referee: C. Thomas (Trearchy).

Bingham takes over Greek champion club

Athens, April 27.-Billy Bingham, the former Northern Ireland Cunoingham, who could become the first black player to win a full Eugland cap, had another chance six minutes later, but this time he fired just over the bar. He also set up a chance for Bertschin, who was bundled off the ball by Fitzand Everton manager, has taken over as manager of the Greek champion club, Pauk Salonika. Circles close to Pack said that Circles close to Pack said that Mr Bingham would, beyond his salary, receive a bonus of 350,000 drachmas (about £5,500) if the club retain the championship and 250,000 drachmas (£4,000) if they win the Creak cur win the Greek cup.

Scotland made another substitu-tion after 65 minutes. Robertson replacing McGarvey, and they per-ked up afterwards. England's de-fence held firm, however, to give them the unofficial British under-21 championship. win the Greek cup.

Paok head the first division
table. Bingham, who has already
statted work with the team,
coached the Greek pational team in

The two legs of the Welsh Cupfinal between Shrewsbury and Cardiff will be played at Cardiff on May 16 and at Shrewsbury on May 18.

David Mackay, a former manager of Derby County, and his assistant. Des Anderson, signed contracts with Walsall yesterday. They reached agreement after talks with the board of directors at Fellows Park

at Fellows Park.

Watford, has made a formal approach to Lincoln City for their manager, Graham Taylor. He sees Watford Mr Taylor as the man to take Watford out of the fourth division, as he did with Lincoln last year.

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play resterday!.

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II 205 for 9 dec fD. R. Shepherd 89): Worcestershire II 19 for O.

Today's cricket CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Vortshire (11.30-6.30). OXFORD: Oxford University v Middle-sex (11.30-6.30). Second XI RRISTOL: Globosatorshire II v Women

HORSHAM; Sussex II v Surrey U.

Rowing

Cricket

It looks like another Fenner's 100 for Boycott

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent CAMBRIDGE: Yorkshire, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs behind Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE: Yorkshire, with eight first inmings suickets in hand, or 188 runs behind Cambridge Uniturerity.

Batting first on a pitch that had had a direnting on Tuesday aftermon. Cambridge scored 164 against Yorkshire at Fenner's yesterday. Of these their captain, Hignell, made 70 in well under two hours. At the close of a bright and blustery day Yorkshire in were 186 for two.

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Chappell. Serjeant looked a good, strong, straight player. Chappell we know about, and I fear he may be approaching a formidable season if he can bear the burden of his captaincy lightly.

Hughes also played vigorously and well. Woolmer was the most successful of the Duchess of Norfolk's bowlers, although Cowdrey caused great delight by taking a wicket in the last over. He also, later, scored one run and it is an old saying among cricketers that, noughts excluded, you cannot have had too bad a day if you take the same number of wickets as you score runs. Parker's Piece was full of activity at lunchtime yesterday and there was quite a sprinkling of people at Fenner's to watch Hignell in the morning and Boycott after tea. Those who came in the evening also saw Lumb playing well—using his feet to drive the two off spinners Roebuck and Allbrook, and keeping pace with Boycott until he was leg before, sweeping at Roebuck. Soon afterwards Athey was run out in the unlucklest of all ways, a straight drive by Boycott being deflected on to his stumps by Roebuck, the bowler, with Athey out of his ground. of wickers as you score runs.

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VORKSHIRE: First Indings G. Boycott, not out G. Lamb, 1-b-w, b Roebuck W. J. Athey, run out H. Hasnostire, not out Extras 1-b 2;

Crooks leads all the way to Red Rose is too prickly take Wingfield sculls

double sculls in Munich and a to be a procession members of Britain's silver medal Crooks command winning eight in Montreal, won the winning eight in Monreal, won the Wingfield sculls last night at his second attempt. Crooks's rivals for the title—the amateur championship of the Thames—were last year's champion, Graeme Mulcahy (Quintin), and Martin Spencer (Poplar Blackwall and District). All three scullers were within seconds of each other in the recent Scullers Head of the River race. The ingredients, with an almost perfect Tideway, were all present for what should have been an excluing

Crooks commanded from start to finish clearing his rivals in just over a minute and leading by two and a half lengths at the end of

the next. Throughout the race Crooks progressively moved away leading by eight seconds at the miles post, 14 seconds at Hammer-smith Bridge, 19 at Chiswick steps, 23 at Barnes Bridge adding another 12 seconds over his persect rival in 12 seconds over his nearest rival in

RESULT: 1. T. Crooks (Leander), 24 min 15 sec: 2, G. Mulcahy (Quin-tin), 24-48; 3, M. Spencar (Poplar Blackwall and District), 25-00.

England B against Italy

By Sydney Friskin Ian Pinks, of Guildford, will lead an England B team in an inter-

The Englishmen were doing well at 91 for two in the 24th over. They then got themselves into trouble, which did not seem necessery. Willey and Randall played some good strokes, looked full of confidence and were out through hustling too much. I expected a powerful innings from Greig, who has scored runs at Arundel before and is never one to lose even were laid yesterday, though a good deal of speculative brooding went on in the press box and the over tent-AUSTRALIANS 1 C Davis, b Edmonds C. S Serbani, c Old, b Woolner G. S Chappell, c Orely, b Wool-mer G. I Goster, c Edmonds, b Wool-mer has scored runs at Arundel before and is never one to lose even attenuous psychological advantage. Apart from that he must be about the tallest man to play any games at Arundel since the giant Bevis, who was a warder at the castle and famous for wading to the Isle of Wight. His weekly diet was a roasted ox, with bread and mustard, and two hogs head of ale. Possibly that sounds more like Cowdrey than Greig but the question hardly arises as they were both out quickly.

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W. Randall, b Cosler
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C. Cowdrey, b Cosler
H. Edmonds, b Custer
J. K. Sputh, c Malone, b Pascor
Old, c. Malone, b. Coster
J. T. Wurray, 1-b-w. b. Pascor
K. Lever, not out
Extrs (lb H, nb 5) Total (41.5 overs)

selves a little in the closing stages and won, undramatically, by 20 runs with more than three overs to spare. It was an enjoyable but not a significant match. " Please, your grace", the butter is said to have said to the 11th Duke—it is one

Wickets and trees tumble in the Parks

both out quickly.

Indeed, the more experienced Englishmen did not play as well as the younger ones, though I thought Smith would win the match, in his

unostentatious way, until he was splendidly caught by Malone at deep point from a stroke which the crowd was already beginning to theer on its way to the boundary.

The Australians stretched them-

Tony Greig leading his team out against the Australians at Arundel yesterday.

Greig loses the psychological battle

By Richard Streeton

OXFORD: Middlesex, with all their outcricket. well pleased as they left the field but their second innings wickets in lost six wickets as the pitch dried own fallures had the final word. 63 runs.

Each side completed an innings as wickets fell steadily here yesterday on a pitch badly soaked by Tuesday's rain. If the cricket throughout was marked by activity and incident, the saddest sight and sounds were provided by the motorized saws of the tree fellers adjacent to the playing area. Even the Parks has not been spared its share of Dutch elm disease.

Having dismissed the county champions for 150, Oxford went in shortly after half past three, and Claughton was bearen by an in-swinger from Lamb in the second over. Then Pathmanathan and Marks harred confidently for and Marks batted confidently for a while and Brearley had Emburey and Featherstone bowling off-spin together inside 40 minutes. Middlesex broke through when Marks pulled a short hall violently and Garting held a good catch low down at short mid-wicket. Clements was out offering no stroke and Middlesex took complete control when Selvey

Pathmanathan was l-b-w plav-Pathmanathan was 1-b-w playing back; L'Estrange and Wingfield Digby were both out in the
same over soon afterwards; and
Fisher, too, found Selvey's movement and speed too much for
him. When Selvey dismissed
Savage, the last man, 15 minutes
before the close, his figures in
his second spell were 7.1—3—4—5.
The university batting so far this

out. No disparagement of out. No disparagement of the Oxford bowling is intended if it is mentioned that the wicket was at its most unpredictable during this first period of play. Rainstorms had been forecast for later but in fact, though cold, there was bright sunshine for most of the day.

of the day.

Middlesex at the start quickly lost Smith as he glanced an inswinger for Fisher to take a good legside catch before the next nine legside catch before the next nine wickets all fell to the contrasting off-spin of Marks and Savage. Marks, slower and often tossing the ball high, was always steady. Savage imports genuine spin with a turn of his wrist at a brisk pace for a bowler who admits candidly he would like to bowl off-cutters but strives in vain to master the art. Savage began with several loose overs but later found a much steadier line.

loose overs but later found a much steadier line.

Brearley and Barlow added a commendable 51 together before Barlow edged a quickly turning hall from Savage and Fisher took another good catch to his left. Radley was out to a ball which lifted sharply and Brearley's studious 32 was ended by a catch at forward short leg. Gatting fell to one that kept low and Ross ar forward short leg. Gatting tell to one that kept low and Ross gave a return catch, striving to drive without moving his feet.

After lunch Butcher made some confident strokes, including a six over long on against Marks before he chopped a ball into his stumps. Featherstone was beaten through

season has generally not matched the air. Oxford naturally looked

MIDDLESEX: First Intino J. M. Breariey, c Pathmanathan, b. Marks.

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T. Hadney, c Fisher, b Harks.

W. Garling, I-bw, b Savage.

G. Foatherstone, R Fisher, b Marks.

N. P. D. Ross, c and b Savage.

M. Lamb, c and b Savage.

M. Lamb, c and b Savage.

E. Embarcy, not out.

W. W. Scivey, I-b-w, b Marks. M. Breadley, c Pathmanathan.

Marks Extras (b 13, 1-b 3, n-b 4)

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A Licenses, b Featherstone
A Learning, b Selvey
B Gurn, B Galling
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Rugby Union

for Young England

By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent Lancashire 16 England Under-23 12 Though they fielded only five of those players who won the county final against Middlesex, Lanca-shire came with a rush at the end of this contest on Orrell's lush new pastures last night, scoring 13 points down a stiff wind in the last quarter of an hour and striding competently home by a goal, two penalty goals and a try, to a goal and two penalty goals. goal and two penalty goals.

So Young England, who chose two of the county champions' side in Carfoot and Bond, were denied

the pleasure of a victory by way of prelude to their short tour of Canada next month. Their for-wards did creditably enough against the experience and strength of men such as Beaumout, Trickey and Creed, though they were in-creasingly hard put to win the balls, but their back play was a

disappointment. Carfoot's service was inconsistent. He was often under pressure and his rival, Weir, enjoyed the more creative all-round game. In admittedly difficult con-ditions, the midfield play lacked

snap and purpose.
All Young England had to show for early pressure down the wind was a comfortable penalty kick by Sorrell for a ruck offence. Palmer's kicking, though long, was not adjusted to the elements, but his lively break direct from a Lancashire drop-out, led to a sleve of the opposing line and slege of the opposing line and, from one of several scrummages, Carfoot exploited the short side

for Palmer to slice inside for a try, converted by Sorrell.

England's full back just previously had missed another kick-

interval and there were some signs

game.
Lancashire got off the mark with
a simple penalty kick by O'Brien
after their flanker, Wilde, had
established a ruck. The last flurry
was somewhat the layed but nonetheless want the theless worth waiting for.
Beaumont won a line out cleanly
to trigger off Lancashire's first
try, and an excellent one it was
Glover dumnied with both his centres to make a lot of ground on the right and O'Brien stormed through from full back to provide

a scoring pass for Briers, whose speed and penetration were much in evidence by now. O'Brien kicked a handsome goal from off a post.

There was no bolding the Red Rose now. Weir led a drive supported by the prop. Southern, and rucked ball, of which there was plenty for Lancashire hereabouts. Zave Shorrock his chance in the centre to put Flert over on the left with a nicely controlled high pass. That score gave Lancashire the lead at last and there was still time for O'Brien to rub in the advantage with

there was still time for C brien to rub in the advantage with another imposing penalty goal, this one for offside at a scrummage kicked from the halfway

Jine.

LANCASHIRE: K. O'Brien (Broughton Park): R. Briers (West Park): S. J. Cartstophersen (West Park): D. Cartstophersen (West Park): D. C. Sontruck (Fylde): M. Fiett (Walerhoo): I. Glover (Valle of Lundy). M. Well (West Ballet): J. A. R. Trickey (Sale): W. M. Bealmonn (Fylde): B. Lundy (Orrell): A. R. Trickey (Sale): W. M. Bealmonn (Fylde): B. Lundy (Orrell): R. Creed (Sale, capi): J. Wilde (Broughton Park): P. W. Dodge (Belcoster): R. Mosge (Gloucestof): J. A. Palmer (Balh): D. J. Cartson (Walerhoo): R. J. Doubleds: (Bristol): C. M. A. CDX (Moselyr): J. A. H. Bell (Middleshrough): F. B. Boylo (Gloucestof): J. P. Scott (Rosslyn Park): C. W. J. Dones (Blackhoath): Referee: P. E. Hughes (Mane

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par for shot that was deflected past the goalkeeper. Craig, who reviaced Burns in the seventy-fith minute, headed a third and decisive goal for Scotland from a cross by larding GEORGE GOAL for Scotland from a cross by lardine. SCOTLAND: Rough 'Partici. Truster, Morato (Celite: Forsy) (Rougers: Biother (Celite: Forsy) (Rougers: Biother (Hibernian: Donachie (Manchester City), Galvin (Celite: Daloith (Celite: Bartiord (Manchester City), Suns (Birminchan: City) (sub. Cross, Celite: Pritigrew (Motherwell: Jahasion (Meet Bromwich Ablogn. SWEDEN: Relistron: M. Anderson, Bordgyds), B. Andersson, Sorderson, Johannson, Larsson, Torsenson, Johannson, Larsson, Torsenson, Speeberg, Wendt. Referee: J. K. Taylor (Wolverhampter) Nottingham Forest climbed back

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It took Forest a long while to break down a stubborn defence, but after Bowyer had put them ahead with a header after 40

into third place in the second division with a convincing victory over Oldham.

Scotland restarted with Drugson, Thompson in good for Ferguson, who had had an exceptionally edgy first half. Thompson's pride was dented, however, when he had to pick the ball out of the net after just four minutes. Williams played Oldham o minutes, they were never in dan-Forest move nearer top minutes from the end.

FA Cup, semi-final replay

International match

Under-21 international

Second division

For the record

PERUGIA, (TALY: Stage result: 1, S. Lawrence (GB), 4hr 17nin 30sec; 2, C. Corti (Italy), 4:17:5; 5, E. Nyffole (Switzerland), 4:17:36; 4, K. Gittler (Sweden), 4:17:36; 4, K. Gittler (Czechodovakia), 4:17:40; 5, F. Marcianato (Italy); 6, V. Vondracek (Czechodovakia), both 1:17:45; Oversil placings; 1, N. Durpisch (Egramony), 9:02:31; 2. Lawrence (Egramony), 9:02

LAS VEGAS: Alan King lournament:

R. Laver (Australia) beat M. Cox
(GB) 6—0 6—6: M. Riessen beat A.
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(B) (Australia) beat C. Pasatell 6—6.
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(Australia) beat R. More (SA) Masters
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beat A. Pallison (Riandesia) 6—4: C. Diblie (Australia) 6—4: C.
Richey 6—3: 5—6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins 5, Sesutie Mariners 5, Chicago White Sox 10, Derroit Tigors 7: Bosion Red Sox 3, Minvaukee Brewers 1: Baltimore Orioles 6, New York Vankets 2: Kantas City Royals 6, Texas Rangers 3, Oakland Alholico 7, California

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs
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Redn 9, Attanta Braves 1: Pittsburgh
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Angeles Dodgers 4, San Diego Padres
1: Houston Astros 4, San Francisco
Giants 3.

VIENNA: World Championships:

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup play-off series (best of seven): Semi-final round: Montroal Caradiens S-New York Islanders O (Montroal lead D-OI: Boston Brilins S. Philadelphu

Cycling

Golf

Tennis

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them the unofficial British under21 championship.
ENGLAND: Bradshaw (Blatkburn Rovers): Daniel (Half City). Peach (Southampion). Sims (Leicester City).
P. Futcher (Luton Town): Owen (Manchester City). Countingham (West Bromwich Albion). Williams (Southampion). Berischin (Ipswich Town): Reid (Bolton: Wanderers: Barmes (Manchester City).
SCOTLAND: Ferqueon (Hamilton Academicals, sub Thomson, parlick Thiefle. Sinciair (Dumbarron Athietle): Burnes (Cellui: Fitzpatrick (Si Murren: Reid (Si Murren). Stevens (Motherwell), McGarvey (Si Mirren, Sub., Robertson, Rangers: Walson (Edgests): Starcek (Dunder United). Calgebank (Cellydebank). Referee: G. C. Kew (Middlesbrough). ger. Woodcock scored a splendid

solo goal after 49 minutes and O'Neill netted the third seven

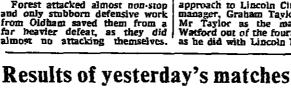
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OTHER INTERNATIONALS: Romania, East Germany 1; West Germany 5, orthorn bretand 0.

Oldham 17.139

Forest attacked almost non-stop and only stubborn defensive work from Oldham saved them from a far heavier defeat, as they did almost no attacking themselves.

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BORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:
Altrincham 5: Barrow 2: Galeshedd 1:
Mossley 1: Rugby Union
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Lancashire 15, England U-25 12.
CLUB MATCHES: Ebbe Vale 18,
Penarth 9: London Irish 11, Saracons
7: Weston-saper-Mare 7, Clifton 15:
Birkenhead Part 3, New Brighton 19.

Today's football

Leading placings
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> Equestrianism Broome makes challenge

at Harrogate David Broome and Marion Mould, both former world champions, and Kevin Bacon, of Australia, challenge for the £500 top prize in the Esso Grand Prix at the Yorkshire showground, Harrogate, on Sunday.

Deborah Johnsey, the Montreal Olympics rider who won last year, is unavailable as she is preparing for a holiday in America. But the field also includes two well known husband and wife teams in Ted and Liz Edgar and Lionel and

Real tennis

Ward comes through as Reiss grinds to a halt

the amateur real tenms singles championship at Queen's Club yesterday. But Ward succeeded only after losing the first two sets to letemy Reiss who, at 0-2 in the final set, retired with a painful hip. For well over two and a half hours Reiss had run about the court like a wildcat and had northing left. nothing left.

Ward eventually won by 4—6.

1-6, 6-4, 6-5, 2-0 and deserves credit for his doggedness as, for at least the first two sets, his play was well below par. His appear-ance was lethargic. In fact after-

needed. Several times he fell in lunging for shots and lost his racket. At 5-5 in the fourth set to beld the service end at 30-30, but Ward, whose game had steadily improved, was not going to let this match slip having recovered.

SECOND ROUND: H. R. Angus (holder) best R. B. Bloomteld, 6—5, 6—1, 6—5; A. Q. Windham best G. D. B. Cooper, 6—2, 6—6, 2—5, 6—0; A. C. Lovel best G. W. H. Dunett. 6—1, 6—2, 6—5, 1, D. Ward best J. J. Reiss, 4—6, 1—6, 6—3.

an Eugland B team in an international match against Italy at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre on Saturday (3.0).

ENGLAND B: 1. C. B. Taylor (Slough), I. P. Pinks (Callellord, Laptain), M. B. Swayne (Beckenham), P. C. Freitag (Old Ripsstonlant, N. Hughes (Wakefield), S. S. Kechar (Slough), B. S. Flora (Leeds Carinthian), R. W. Smith (Oxton), I. P. Mager (Crimsby Town), S. Imitaz (Blarkheath), Reserver, B. R. (Beckenham), (Redditch), B. J. Green (Beckenham)

paration for the World Cup next
March in Argentina, will take in
a six-nation cournament in Amsterdam from June 21 to 26. The six
nations are Netherlands 1 and 2.
West Germany, Spain, England,
Japan. The tournament will be
played on a round-robin system

Hockey Pinks to lead

The England senior team, in pre-

Dassu defends title in Italian Open

Como, Italy, April 27.—Ernesto Perez Acosta of Mexico, winner of the individual title in the World Golf Cup last year, will make his first European appearance this year in the Italian Open Golf hantpionships, which start comorrow. Curtis Strange and Phillip Hancock of the United States and the South African, Vincent Tshabalala, will also compete in the championships, held at the Monticello Club.

Returning after missing last

at the Monticello Citto.

Returning after missing last week's Madrid Open are the British and Irish Ryder Cup international players, Brian Barnes, Tommy Horton and Eamonn Darcy. They are competing for total prize money of £25,600 with £5,000 for the winner. Raly's Baldovino Dassu defends the ritic to away in October last year at ie won in October last year at Molas, Sardinia.

Molas, Sardinia.

The championships have been trought forward to the spring so ley can count for qualifying coints towards places in the Ryder cup team to meet the Americans at Royal Lytham, England, in September. Strange, a former Walker Cup amateur, was runner-up to Jack Nicklaus in the Australian Open during the winter, while

Hancock, a former American collegiate champion, is the Colombian Open champion.

bian Open champion.

Britain's Bernard Gallacher, winner of the Spanish Open two weeks ago but a surprise halfway non-qualifier in the subsequent Madrid Open, is also among the 137 starters. Leading the South African contingent are Hugh Baiocchi, Simon Hobday, John Fourie and John Bland. From Australia come Ian Stanley and Michael Cabill, while top European challengers include Belgium's Philippe Troussaint, Spain's Severiano Ballesteros and Antonio Garrido, and Sven Tumpa of Sweden. The flat parkland course, close to Lake Como, is par 72 and measures 6,387 yards.—Reuter.

Golf Union ruling

hall compulsory for this year's Australian Open championship. A brief statement by the union said the decision would bring the Australian event into line with all other important championships the statement the more of Agenter. throughout the world.-Renter.

Boxing

Aird's injury puts paid to heavyweight contest

The British heavyweight title contest between Billy Aird and Richard Dunn, at Liverpool on Monday, is off. Aird suffered a cut eyelid in training on Tuesday and has told the promoter, Manny Goodall, that he cannot box. No new date has been appropried.

Aird, who had waited six months for his chance after winning a final eliminator, received the injury although he was sparring in a headguard. Now he may have to wait several months more for Mr Goodall may not wish to stage the contest while Liverpool is heavily involved in football fever. "What is happening in the football world must play a part in when the fight goes on", he said.

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Dunn was out training when the news was broken. His wife, Janet, said: "This will kill him. He has never been fitter and he was looking forward to this fight more than any in his career". The heavyweight title is currently vacant. Dunn lost it

to Joe Bugner last October and Bugner has since retired.

Alan Minter, the European middleweight champion who lives in Sussex, has found himself a new training headquarters—in faraway Cornwall. Minter is off to Camborne next week to begin preparation for his title defence against Rudi Koopmans in Rotterdam in June. He will stay for a week or 10 days, running on the beach and exercising in the fresh air.

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There may be a change of opponent for Minter in his next European defence after the Koopmans bout. The official nominee of the European Boxing Union is Gratien Tonna of France, but the German Federation have lodged an objection.

Los Angeles, April 27.—Paddy Maguire, of Belfast, the British bantamweight champion, will meet the unbeaten American. Albert Sandoval, he on May 12. Saudoval, of Los Angeles, has won 12 of his 18 bouts by knockouts.—Reuter.

Tennis

Miss Fayter cries all the way to the last eight

British number five, won a stormy women's singles third round match. At one stage in the third set both Miss Fayter, her Austraset both Miss Fayter, her Australian opponent, Miss Ruddell, and
the umpire. Amanda Pryor,
another Australian, were all in
tears. Miss Ruddell's father and
Miss Fayter's manager were involved in a fierce argument off
court and then, after another
flare-up after the end of the
tenth game, Miss Pryor, who is
18, fled from the court still cryfing. "I can't stand any more of
it 3 she said.

it", she said.

With the umpire sobbing uncontrollably, Mrs Bea Seal, the referee, dashed down to the court and spoke sternly to both players. She put the Sussex player, Nigel Sears, in the chair after which Miss Fayter soon completed a victory by 3-5, 6-1, 7-5 to reach the last eight.

,—5 to reach the last eight. Miss Fayter said: "I had already twice given her the benefit of the doubt on disputed points but when the chance came to give me one she refused." Miss Ruddell, 21, from Melbourne, launched a victous attack on the British player and her manager, Rick Richardson. Her boyfriend should have

been removed from the court long before", she said. "He was always butting in with his lond comments and this was upsetting my father. Jackle was cheating all the way through, but after the last blow-up at 5—5 I cheating all the way through, but after the last blow-up at 5-5 I felt I could not handle the situation any longer. I thought if she wanted to win that way it was up to her. It is not the way I like to play tennis, and it is not as though a fortune was hanging the result I have played all though a fortune was hanging in the result. I have played all er the world and never seen ch disgrateful behaviour be-Mrs Seal said: "When I got

Motor racing

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Men's singles

THIRD ROUND: W. Maher (Australia) beat B. Ray (US), 6-0, 6-2 M. Appleten beat O. Rogger, 4-6 M. Apoleton beat O. Rogger, 4—5, 7—5, 6—5; J. Marks (Australia) beat N. Pinchbeck (Australia), 4—6. 6—2; N. Robinson beat G. Stater (NZ), 6—2, 6—0; N. Jenson (Australia), 6—6. 6—1; P. Bedel (Prance) beat J. Gulle (NZ), 6—5; V. Ete (US) beat J. Gulle (NZ), 6—6. 6—2; R. Keighery (Australia), beat A. H. Licod, 2—6. 6—1, 6—1; J. Smith beat G. Hancock (Australia) beat J. Peccek, 6—0, 7—6; S. Viright (US), 6—3, 7—5; J. Smith beat G. Bratin (Australia) beat J. Peccek, 6—0, 7—6; S. Viright (Australia) beat J. Peccek, 6—0, 7—6; S. Viright (Australia) beat G. Raymer beat M. Sears, 6—1, 7—6; N. Raymer beat M. Searson (Australia) beat G. Hutichinson (Australia) beat G. Fourth Rounds, Maher beat Morrison (Australia) FOURTH ROUND: Maher beat Moreton, 6-0, 6-2; Marks best Appleton, 6-1.

Women's singles Women's singles

SECOND ROUND: Miss L. Gaeves
beat Miss D. Jevans, 2-5, 6-0, 6-1;
Miss M. Sawyer (Australia) beat Miss
S. Balewell, beat Miss P. Brailsont,
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Miss C. Whitehead, 6-0, 7-5; Miss
A. Hobbs beat Miss J. Chariton, 6-0,
6-1; Miss F. Moralt beat Miss A.
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6-2, 6-1; Miss K. Hallan,
6-2, 6-1; Miss C. Harrison
(Australia) beat Miss C. Harrison
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T. J. Mortem beat Miss A. Fritz (US),
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5—1, 6—1.

THIRD ROUND: Miss Hobbs beat Miss Sawyer, 6—0, 6—2; Miss Morfatt beat Miss Davies, 1—6, 6—3, 7—5; Miss Cooper beat Miss Hallam, 6—1; Miss Salibs heat Miss Hallam, 6—1, 7—5; Miss Salibs heat Miss Hallam, 6—1, 7—5; Miss Hallam, 6—1, 7—5; Miss Hallam, 6—1, 7—5; Miss Hallam, 6—1, Miss Evers heat Miss Hallam, 6—1, Miss Hallam, 7—5; Miss Mottram beat Miss Goeves, 6—2, 6—2, Miss Goeves, 6—2, 6—2,

Perkins without car after his release by Stanley

By John Blunsden Larry Perkins, the Australian driver, has been released by Stan-ley BRM Lift from Ms agreement to drive the team's latest grand prix car, the P 207, for the remainder of the 1977 formula one

The car will be driven in the next world championship race, the Spanish Grand Prix at Jarama, on May 8, by Conny Andersson, the 37-year-old Swedish driver, who is are of the managers of formula one of the veterans of formula three racing and was runner up in last year's European champion-ship. Negotiations are in progress to secure Anderson's services on a regular basis for the remainder of the current season.

The Stanley BRM comeback after their year-long absence from the grand prix scene has so far the grand prix scene has so far proved a disappointment. The team missed the Argentine race because of a misunderstanding with an airline over the maximum dimensions of the packing crate for air freighting; the car lasted only one lap in Brazil; the P 207 was replaced by one of the earlier cars in South Africa, and the new model, which was withdrawn from

the Race of Champions, was not taken to Long Beach for the United States Grand Prix West. However, the car has now been substantially revised, with a new water system, strengthened suspension and a more robust chassis to prevent flexing. Two cars have now been built and it is hoped to have a third chassis available before the Monaco Grand Prix on May 22. The race in Spain will only be Anderson's second grand prix—his first was in The Netherlands last year when he drove a Surtees-Ford TS 19.

Meanwhile, Perkins, widely considered to be a driver of great potential, is without a car at a time in the season when it is more than usually difficult to secure a competitive drive.

Madrid, April 27.-The world Madrid, April 27.—The world motor racing champion, James Hunt, of Britzin, escaped unburt today when his McLaren M-26 spun and hit a guardrail during practice for the Spanish Grand Prix at the Jarama course near here on May 8. The crash damaged the Car's suspension, but Hunt was able to resume practice later.—Repter.

Awaiting official approval

The new Donington Park circuit in Derbyshire is to run its first official approval for the track has not yet been given. The circuit cowners must prove to the RAC, motor racing's controlling body in Britain, that stringent safety standards for drivers and spectators have been implemented.

Basil Tye, the RAC inspector of the rack is a bit fine but, hopeing the rack is a bit fine but, hop





The Leather Workshop, in contrast to Florucci's glossy shop, is up two flights of stairs at 164 New Cavendish Street, WI, where Anthony Duschell will design to a customer's specification or sell from his latest collection. Trained at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York he believes that there is much work scans for originality believes that there is much more scope for originality believes that there is much more scope for originality in Britain. "In America, unless a design comes from the Continent they don't want to know—here there is much more self confidence". The hessian and leather Michelin jacket costs £60, the trousers £28 and the brown striped shirt £20. They are also stocked by Scala Milano and Manolo in Manchester, and by Howie in London.

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The charms and the cares of the double life

I feel just like Alice. "Drink me", said, metaphorically, a five-room flat in the middle of London, and I duly shrank family, pets, furniture and clothes to fit. Eat me", said a rambling run-down Cotswold house, and I duly expanded said family, pets, furniture and clothes for a life which takes me back 20 years to the russet-cheeked, gin-free, healthy, outdoor style of my youth.

"To giggle and make giggle" was one of Byron's reasons for writing Don Juan, and it might be one of the mottoes to be considered by two new shops which both believe in fashion with a sense of humour. Fiorucci's new shop opened at 133 New Bond Street this month, selling pink dungarees, coronation mugs, and the brightly coloured woollen top and skirt patched with gingham seen above. The waistcoat is £29.90 and the skirt £49.90. Both are designed by Felicity Clegg at Fiorucci. The Aertex blouse, the sandals and bag can all be bought

The Aertex blouse, the sandals and bag can all be bought

in the same shop.

Having dwelt on the horrors of trying to move on a tight schedule already, I will repeat nothing on that score save to say that they can, happily, be mitigated in the country by the competence and desire to help of local shops. I did not, in the end, have to cook on candles over Easter, though it was nip and tuck. And thank goodness I could not sell my dear old Electrolux fridge-freezer in London and had to ship it willy-nilly to Oxfordshire. It sprang to life after three months of damp and plastered neglect, and is now purring. silkily away and giving me reproachful looks in the larder.

There are, however, a number of practical points about my changed lifestyle which I think readers might find helpful, whether they are moving in one or other or both directions. A number of people wrote to ask how I had squeezed a 16-room be-gardened Wimbledon existence into a small flat, because they had grown-up children or were retired and were now reducing the size of their family homes. Let me begin by advocating as essential reading a book by Shirley Conran called Superwoman. I know the title is offputting because it all sounds so bossy, but the fact of the matter is that, especially for the young, it often turns out to be the lady of the house who is left standing in the rain and dispensing five-pound notes as they carry the Blüthner into the drawing room with no floor boards. Superwoman was published in 1975 by Sidgwick and Jackson, Lord Longford's firm (appropriately in view of the superiority in many fields of the women in his family, I feel) and it costs £3.95, which will be more than repaid by not having a heart attack or repaid by not having a heart attack or nervous breakdown as a result of moving.

We had always divided china, glass and cutlery on the everyday/special principle, even though we lived 90 per cent of our lives behind the green baze door. There simply is not room to do this in a flat. You must choose china which is cheap enough to smash and lovely enough to display. I bought Susan Williams-Ellis's chalk white Meridian range for Portneirion, and top it up for special display with the same designer's Botanic Garden collection. We eat with John Lewis's Canford stainless steel cutlery, though I

Capiord stainless steel cutlery, though I have since seen as attractive and cheaper

pieces at Woolworth. Woolworth, indeed, is very good just now for kitchen things,

and has particularly attractive china, tea-towels and trays, much better, I think, in design than those at Marks and Spencer or British Home Stores. Price is crucial on cutlery once you have

invested in a dishwasher, even more when a you have a waste disposal unit into which, despite one's pleas, things just do get flung.

Glass must come from Habitat, and l shall never buy a saucepan except for milk and boiled eggs again now that I have discovered Pyroflam, in which you can cook, freeze, serve, mash, whatever you will. It is charmingly designed and cuts out a whole process in the cook/dish-up syn-

Concerned as I am with design, the most depressing thing I found was that in restocking after 10 years, whereas there have been real advances in consumer software ideas, the standard of manufacture and finish has declined. I am now hooked on the cylinder type vacuum cleaner because
(a) I am tired of chipping the bottoms
of every piece of furniture, and (b) cylinder cleaners are far more adaptable and der cleaners are tar more adaptable and portable and do away with the need for a Dusterte. But why, when I put an ex-pensive bag (nor re-usable) into my Electrolux does the bag get poked straight out of its socket and into the fabric lining, which I then have to beat out?

I am pleased with my Hoover washing machine and stacking dryer (ideal for a small space), so I have duplicated that, ditto my Tricity electric cookers, the Marquis in London, President in the country. They are modestly priced, and you do not need a licence to drive one. Best buy for London fridge-freezers must be the Tricity Deepcold.

Tricity Deepcold. On the expansion side, my gardening has been transformed by one of those wheelbarrows with a ball as a wheel, and by a Flymo. I took my nerves in both hands in buying the latter, because the nands in buying the latter, because the horror stories of lost fingers and toes are only too real. But the fact is that my stolid Suffolk Super Colt, with which I heralded spring in Wimbledon (" when the sound of the mower is heard in the land") simply could not deal with the slopes and banks and neglected depth of my new country demestie. It did get its own back, though. An endemic design fault in the Flymo seems to me to be that it is an absolute fiend to start—indeed the instructions, which illustrate a mini-dressed dolly flying over her property, might be better ascribed to someone with gorilla arms. In the end. sulky Suffolk had to donate its spark plug to the orange skirted hussy, which then consented to begin its kebours. I must add that the labours are most effective, and I am, so far, intact in my

Those whose interests are more towards personal dress than decor or machinery design may now be restless. What, perhaps they wonder, can I wear which is apposite both for the YFC hunter trials and Flymoing, and for the much greater proportion of my life which is spent working in London or travelling to see fashion?

The very fact that cress falls naturally to so late a stage in this piece illustrates one of the major trends in consumer spending just now. People are spending far more on their houses, flats, pieds a terre, bedsitters than ever before, and this interest in the more permanent—or is it a desire for more flexible?—aspects of life-style is important.

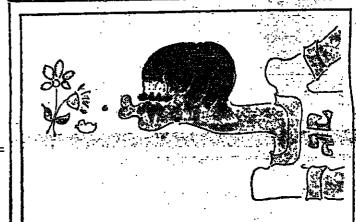
Many of the famous textile designers who have been known for clothes, Bernard Nevill, for example, are now doing ranges for sheets, towels, curtains and house decor generally. Of the three options by which the individual can show his taste—clothes, food and habitat—clothes have until now been both the fastest and the cheapest. Now there seems to be a definite move into making seems to be a definite move thin making the house as fashion-conscious as the owner. So, I wear denim jeans here and there, a quilted French Connection reversible jacket here and there, an oatmead Stirling Cooper shirt with a tweed midi-skirt here and there. I wear my Kickers here and there, but I admit that for Flymoing I have stout closs which I would not wear to the Ritz, though, taking the current state of fashion, others might. the current state of fashion, others might. Just as none of my clothes seems to be lined any more because the nicest fabrics are all reversible, and lining is not just an ugly old idea but also economic suicide. so I find almost all the cortain fabrics I like—from Jean Bandrand for Weave Corporation, for example—are reversible, too. How that is going to make curtain making easier, even with my dazzling Singer sewing machine, which is almost as

complex to operate as the mower, but gives just as nice end results. The final area in which the decoration of yourself or your habitat converge must be that for those who feel their taste slipping from a nerveless grasp there is still nothing quite so comforting as a Big Name behind your selection. If your head-scarf is labelled Dior, Gucci, Hermes, people will not bother to work out whether they actually like the design, so I am particularly pleased to be able to tell readers that they can now shuffle off some of their stylish coals on to the competent shoulders of David Hicks. The final area in which the decoration of David Hicks.

This brave and amiable interior designer This brave and amiable interior designer has opened a retail shop at 101 Jermyn Street, whence you can buy carpets, furniture, lamps, bric a brac, antiques, signed moderns, yards of fabric, charming acceut pieces, entire room setting ideas, or you can just pop in to gather a few ideas from a source which, if this is your look, must be improved by be impeccable.

I sometimes wonder whether the impeccability of the source might not deter the less ambitious from shopping with David Hicks. He is, after all, extremely successful and well known in his professional right but there are also all those grand marital connexions. Do not be alarmed. David Hicks is, in fact, one of the most practical and cost-conscious interior designers I know, because he has his eyes open and his mind equally so.

Just two bright ideas from the London shop could save you pounds. One is to use "the cheapest possible haircord." carpet for the centre of a room and make a smashing rug or all-over covering by edging the heircord with a foot-wide band erging the neurcord with a foot-wide band of Wilton—a nice juxtanosition of textures, lovely in scarlet and black. The other is when you need a curtain which will be seen from both sides and the fabric you like simply is not reversible, line it with traditional sates and win the states and the second states. traditional sateen and run two or three borders of braid or ribbon in toning colours around the edge of the plain side. The telephone number for the new Hicks shop is 01-930 1991.



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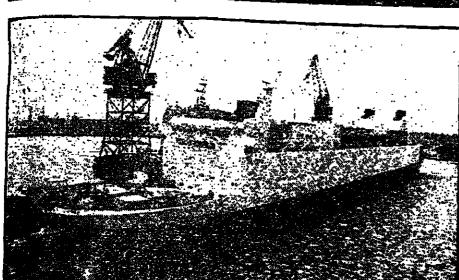


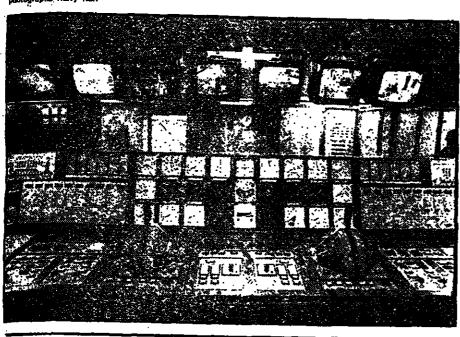
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Tradition at high speed

by Peter Hill

Next week the Finnjet will slip its moorings in Helsinki for its maiden voyage. Its departure for northern Ger-many will herald a new era in passenger transportation, for the Finnjet is no ordinary ship. It is unique, a ship of tomorrow rather than today. Powered by two gas tur-bine engines, modified versions of aero jer engines together generating 75,000 horsepower, it will slice through the waters of the Gulf of Finland at more than 30 knots, covering the 600 miles between the Fiunish capital and the German port of Travenunde in 22 hours.

This ship of the future, which will halve the journey which will halve the journey sider will prove time between the two ports, irresistible. will be capable of doing the work of three conventional ferries on the route and the maiden voyage will repre-sent the culmination of seven

Finnjet's unusual lines, engine control room and Captain Carl Syiberg. ehipbuilders and shipping

the midnight sun, the clean, pure air of Lapland will be just two days away from

yards have shunned. The Germans have already

shipbuilders and suppling than enthusiastic. At a time with a practical maximum of passenger/car ferry to incorporate gas turbine propulsion.

The propulsion is in the first when the country is experimentally with a practical maximum of 350,000 bookings in a full unemployment, high levels year.

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pure air of Lapland will be concept and it is natural that adopted, just two days away from there should be different. The operational experience Travenunde, a prospect views", he says. "On the gained from an American-which Finnjet's owners com-basis of the bookings we owned gas turbine powered

mark. This year the company expects that the Finnjet will transport about 180,000 continued on next page

years' detailed planning, named the Finnjet the passengers. Once the vessel Throughout the world, the Porsche of the Baltic, while has been operating for some attention of naval architects, there have been those in time the company expects there have been those in time the company expects Finland who have been less that it will quickly reach than emhusiastic. At a time much higher levels of use

Next week the world's first jet turbine passenger ship goes into service on the Baltic. This

> Special Report looks at a new concept in maritime

of inflation and a tight credit policy it is not surprising that the Finnjet project has attracted criticism. The surprise that the Finnjet project has attracted criticism. The ferry service on the Hansa world where air transport has brought continents within hours of each other, seaborne passenger transport can provide a viable and desirable alternative.

For thousands of European holidavmakers the land of the midnight sun, the clean, pure air of Lapland will be

which Finnjet's owners consider will prove too have received so far they are have received so far they are irresistible.

Finnjet, the new flag ship of the Finnish merchant marine, also represents the height of Finnish design and shipbuilding skill founded on a tradition of excellence in the construction of specialized vessels which other ship vards have shupped.

basis of the bookings we owned gas turbine powered merchant ship provided the impetus to the draughtsmen would provide high speed, reduce the journey time and will manage the ship, says make the most of the economies of scale.

A 1,500 passenger capacity ferry with space for 350 pany expects that the Finnjer

Hopes for Olympic stature

From Nuorgam, deep inside the Arctic Circle in northern the Finnjer has been underlanded with information about the project for months past. The ship's owners in the project for months past. The ship's owners in the project for months past. The ship's owners in the project for months past. The ship's owners in the project for months past. The ship's owners in the drawing board as synonymous with Finnland synonymous with Finnland as synonymous with Finnland synonymous with Finnland synonymous with Finnland synonymous with Finnlan

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The Finnjet also includes boutique and a gaming hall

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Power pack derived from aircraft turbines

by Peter Hill

augnt. The glasses chink and the conversation centres on the holiday in Europe which lies ahead. From the bar, similar in converpion to the first-class lounge of a jumbo jet, the passengers gaze shead along the expanse of deck 10 of the state of the state of the major aero deck 10 of the state of the state of the major aero engine manufacture.

Ahead of them, on the bridge, the ship's master bridge, the ship's master built with gas turbine units. scans the Balric through the The amount of experience ship's advanced radar. Clear remains small although it is of the restricted and tricky 26 years since Shell first took waters which lie at the approaches to the Finnish capital, he signals for full power. Nine decks below the lighthouse bar a solitary figure sits surrounded by a battery of glowing lights in the control room. Behind him and the control room's built. 500kbn turbine In the midand the control room's bulk-head, two black pods en-cased in rectangular steel boxes, which can be seen only through small viewing

to naval vessels, usually as and equipment.

turbines for the project and experience of marin hooster units to provide Other ships were to follow, clearly the Euroliner series turbines is another, extra thrust. The Finnjet is Perhaps the most notable in provided them with a useful But, on the other

he only passenger vessel to incorporate gas turbines. alternative to the aero deriva-tive gas turbine when they began planning the project seven years ago. If they had jet, a group of passengers is selected conventional diesel climbing the spiral staircase engines the ship's displaceto watch the lights of Helment would have been insinki disappearing into the creased by 3,000 tons and
night. The glasses chink and even more power would have

> engine manufacturers have done much development work on marine versions, few merchant ships have been built with gas turbine units.

and replaced by a single 5.500shp turbine. In the mid-

the control room? bulks. Softoom nurbine. In the midhead, two black pods encased in rectangular steel boxes, which can be seen menting with the Auris and panels, pulsate with power.

This is no ordinary ship, the twin engines are gas turbines each generating 37,500 horsepower to drive the Finnjet at speeds of more than 30 knots on its 22-hour crossing between Helsinki and Travenuade in morthern and Travenuade in the first consting sufficient thrust for a DCS arithmer year turbines are fines would be needed to provide sufficient thrust for a DCS arithmer jet turbines for a BCS arithmer jet turbines for a BCS arithmer jet turbines for a breakdown. The provide sufficient thrust for a DCS arithmer jet turbines for a breakdown. The Finnjet's turbines are provide sufficient thrust for a DCS arithmer jet turbines for a breakdown. The provide sufficient thrust for a breakdown. The first turbines are provide sufficient thrust for a breakdown. The first companies which have been an earn earn with the Auris and the two encaptual an

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Tradition at high speed

cost double. Wārtsilā

whether or

understandably coy about answering questions on whether or not they will

board in reserve) whether or not they will make a profit, emphasizing that a substantial volume of the components had been bought within three months of the contract being signed. The steep rise in wage and associated overheads in the was, on all the carculations, the only alternative which could be usefully and profitably deployed on the route in the next decade. The configuration also enabled the designers more than to double the average area per passenger on board the Finnier compared with existing

double the average area per passenger on board the Finnjet compared with existing conventioned ships on the route.

"The distance involved in the route is ideal for this type of ship and for gas on such a venture will be trubine propulsion. It made the decisive difference." Mr Salmi says. But there were other considerations. If the company did not go ahead with a bold and ambitious project geared to the needs of the projected Baltic trade in the next decade it was in the next decade it was clear that someone else would. The West Germans were the most likely contenwould. The West Germans would the West Germans were the most likely contenders and given the expansionist merchant murine on the other hand considerability of the Soviet Union there was also a chance that it too might embark on a venture.

It was against this background that the Enso board (the company is 51.8 percent owned by the Finnish since in most shipping sectors speed is not such an

(the company is 51.8 percent owned by the Finnish Government) decided in late 1973 to go ahead and sign a contract with Finnish ship-builders, Wārtsilā. The decision was taken as the full implications of the rise in crude oil prices charged by the Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries
were dawning Calculations
were revised but the validity
of the Fmks 250m fixed price contract with Wartsila was reinforced.

studies were undertaken and we were fully aware of the isks involved calculations showed that if all went well during construction then we should be on the safe side", Mr Salmi says.

Today, nearly three and a half years after signing the contract, Enso and its Finn-During its trials earlier this year, the Finnjer surprised the technical experts by exceeding the projected per-

It recorded a top speed of slightly more than 31 knots (compared with the 30.5 knots called for in the specijust two and a half minutes. Europe but also a coost to stopping in the same time the tourist industry. Men within five lengths of its like Mr Bengt Philström, waterline length of nearly managing director of the

of operating two day round some time. The Finnier pro-

important ramifications else where in the world. Some container ships have

tors speed is not such an

Gas turbine applications in marine engineering have therefore tended to be con-

reserved mostly in naval vessels, where quick turns of speed are vital to the effectiveness of a warship.

essential feature operators requ Economy in opera

a regular service are crucial. eace spined from the Finn-jet will be watched with rather more than passing interest by the marine world.

tion of the Finnjer heralds not simply an era of closer links with the confident of Finnish Tourist Board, have been engaged in a protracted marketing exercise of the Finnjet for many months past and he sees the ship revolutionizing the country's rourist industry over the

ties for attracting people then from the United Kingdom appear confident that their and from all over Europe to bold decision to go ahead Finland. With the largest with the project will pay passenger car ferry in the handsomely. Less tertain world, Finland will be however is the outcome for placed firmly on the map of

prices the cor	npany recl	cons respond	ent, The Times.
Length overall			212.8 metre
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Lean time ahead for shipbuilding

When the Finnjet quits the are obtained in the next few outfitting berth of Wirting berth o

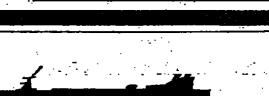
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Once the Finnjet has departed from the Helsinki

yard, Wärtsilä's production there will be concentrated on a series of icebreakers (for which the company has a worldwide reputation) for the Soviet Union, Sweden and Argentina with all deli-veries scheduled to be com-pleted before the end of next year. Wärtsilä, whose turnover fell by 13 per total turnover fell by 13 per cent last year from 1,659m. Finomarks to 1,442m Finomarks with shipbuilding operations falking by 19 per cent to 977m Finomarks, is adopting a cautiously optimistic view of the future based on a continuation of its policy of building vessels of a specialized type which other world shipyards have tended to ignore. tended to ignore.

The company is a leading manufacturer of ice-breakers, having delivered 31 ships since 1954 and the company also operates a special arctic design and marketing department which is continuously engaged in studies on transengaged in studies on transportation requirements for the arctic and antarctic regions. Wartsilä has also built a considerable number of luxury passenger ships and cruise liners (the Finnjet being the latest in this category of ships) in recent years and has been involved in a modernization programme—which has included enlarging its building dock—which when completed will enable construction of ships to take place in a totally enclosed building hall. Although the market



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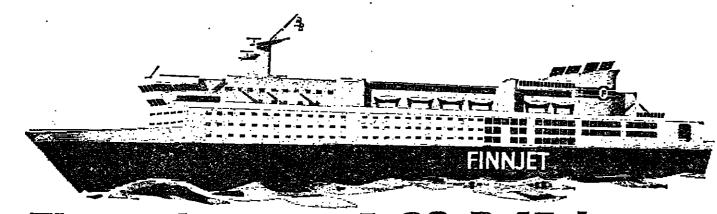
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The decision to use gas

turbines was taken in December, 1973, at a time

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of the oil price rise were

only just beginning to be appreciated. Mr Pylkkänen and his team studied four

possible ship types for the

"I am certain that the gas

route—including a

Common interest brings different skills together

Teamwork meets the challenge

£10m spent on harbour

by Donald Fields

radition at

Altogether the Finojet has generated £10m of investment in new or improved harbour facilities. Other ves-sels will benefit, but the advent of the new ferry has given the decisive push to several bold projects by Finnlines and the public

perminal on the east side of Smoothing the human flow, the goods side, hopes to re-flelsinki south harbour by this provides 100 metres of wanted to call it Europa, but to ship at the Helicians. a committee insisted on the tongue-twisting name of the locality, Katajanokka.

Finnlines has excavated bunkers totalling 11,000 cu metres in the rock to store 10,000 tons of fuel, at a cost of £1.4m; and the tip of an island has been blasted, obvisting a tricky navigational manoeuvre in the approaches In addition, an extended ter-minal building and long

primarily meant for a quick turn around. But Mr Olavi "I don't think two hours is a short time. Who said it was a problem?"

Nevertheless, the new facilities at Helsinki, where appropriate deck level, and waste paper, bottles and cans accumulated on board will be

at both ports for rapid to the company under a 10-

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Travemunde presented bigger problems: the Finnjer's berth (No 6) is about 500 metres from the terminal, Passengers have been spared the irksome quayside walk in the raw Baltic air by a gangof f1.4m; and the tip of an island has been blasted, obviating a tricky navigational manoeuvre in the approaches to Helsinki. The £900,000 cost has been borne by the State Highways Department. In addition, an extended tertwo other berths.

Considering the Finnjer's rigorous timetable (in motion 22 hours out of every 24), it might appear that all this too small Fach order. Kiel, and a private harbour between Kiel and Lübeck. "Although Kiel could offer us a pier in the middle of town it was a bit too small Fach order. frenzied activity has been have meant similar costs and too small. Each option would primarily meant for a quick port dues, so our long marturn-around. But Mr Olavi riage with Lübeck and Fylkkånen, vice-president of Travemunde, dating from I don't think two hours is

Finalines praises the efforts by public authorities to accommodate its new Nevertheless, the new facilities at Helsinki, where the Finnjet will take on all line, the Finnjet requires its other supplies, will largely prevent delays. Provisions will be swiftly loaded in containers from a cellar at the desired denth.

The roving businessman's picture of Helsinki will largely cent devaluation—can offer ture of Helsinki will largely ture of Helsinki will largely be determined by the degree of flair for entertaining shown by his Finnish containers from a cellar at the desired denth.

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The roving businessman's picture of the recent 6 per ture of Helsinki will largely to continue with conventional ships because of the cost structure, Mr Pylkkanen says. As things turned out, however, he and his fellow planners have been able to from diamer ably priced steaks and pizzas of restaurants with such the desired depth.

accumulated on board will be speeded ashore. Cleaners will the speeded ashore. Cleaners will see with military and seems because the seems the south harbour and divertact with military discipline.

As a supplier Traveminde taken by Helsinki Corporation with little apparent prodding from Finnlines.

New pipelines have been laid The terminal has been leased to the company under a 10year contract.

Most effort has been Mr Eljas Muurinen, gen-devoted to embarkation and eral manager of the Helsinki disembarkation of pas-Port Authority, emphasizes sengers. The new Kata-that the new two-berth pasHelsinki after dark

tables in public places and of restaurants with such the decision to open up the sight of local hosts chaptarating passenger traffic on the such that the such that the such that it is a such that the such that th sauna bath to restaurant and well treated at a small estab discotheque and thence to lishment by the Sibelius night club, he could do very Park, Lehtovaara. well—or he might not.

Nights out on the town should be approached with often start early and end caution, since generally they late. Opening at 8 am, most merit neither the adjectives. Finnish offices close at 4 pm (3 pm from June to August). Consequently, the foreign visitor can expect a 5 pm sengers. The new Kata-that the new two-perm pasimokka terminal, deemed of senger quay is not just for architectural interest, is a the Finnjet: "Our traffic urious hotel saunas, though to decide whether to invest multi-pillared converted has been growing by leaps general cargo warehouse and bounds. From 560,000 authentic ones of the countryside, provide welcome in ing-places were not enough, a meaning large wave is

dving race.

often served at snail's pace. Reindeer, bear, ptarmigan should not be closed, can and a choice of rare berries hardly break the habits of and a choice of rare berries are bound to come within generations overnight. the host's compass, but the The abstemious visitor will range of delicious fish suffer a rude shock if he cooked with dill will delight orders a small scotch or the

known locally as "dancing much as in Britain. Ignoring restaurants". In general, possible repercussions on the the merit of the dishes tourist trade, the authorities varies in inverse proportion insist that drink prices be (including the piped variety, about which Finns are most

Little chance of good

pushed to strike up a re-warding conversation with the local intelligentsia.
Since the closing of two
other distinguished establishments; Pazer in Kluuvi-katu is perhaps the only central restaurant where you see people talking anim-

atedly. There are a few places with bohemian pretensions ("bohemian" often being synonymous with "inebriated"), while the Old Student House is a congregating point for naive Stalinists (in contrast to the actionalistic salves salves at least of the contrast. nationalistic sabre-rattlers of grandfather's day). But the true live wires are rarely seen outside their own homes or the occasional publisher's

By 10 or 11 pm, therethe options are narrowed to dancing and with the allure the opposite sex as carrot outmatching stick of sweaty gyrations, deafening percussion and mediocre acts. In such unpromising circumstances friendships have been struck up between British men and Finnish women, and a modicum of Anglo-Saxon politeness can be a welcome anti-dote to many Helsinki belles as their own swains succumb to an after-midnight bout

with the bottle. For visitors not on an expense account, Helsinki-

In two respects KamJanokka is like an airport:
arriving and departing passengers are completely segregated, and they are called on board by a public address system and flashing lights.

sengers rose to 1,275,000 last per unstrained nerve and hour by the lakeside. For those impatient to reach are omnown interest in the passengers for Talkin bus from Katajanokka to the fininger.

A new ferry to Poland they are called on and passengers for Talkin bus from Katajanokka to the fininger.

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Finalines and the public The system of filing pastories concerned.

The system of filing pastories to be unique: a two-level boarding bridge leading to decks 4 and 5 of the Finalet. Some final on the east side of Smoothing the human flow.

The system of filing pastories Clearly the Helsinki Port Katajanokka island, which is Authority, which receives linked to Central Helsinki by more than 80 per cent of its a solitary bridge? Few, the film annual income from the goods side, hopes to represent the good Besides paying almost £200,000 in leasing rights.

would provide almost £90,000

articulate man of 41, has a business background and hus been with the project

since its conception. He is credited with having demonstrated that the which Finnlines could fight off the inevitable attack from the Hansa ferry service. Mr Makela, 10 years

room of the vessel at the Helsinki vard of Wärtsilä. Mr Pylkkänen joined Finalines 14 years ago and is the company's vice-

construct its fuel oil storage tanks.
"It was clear that unless

planners have been able to draw up a tariff structure with rates which are in some cases up to 15 per cent

different jobs but they share

younger, is a skilled fitter engaged in installing the equipment in the engine

ed human technical development. It failure was he and his team who

not endear Finnlines to some sections of the Helsinki public. There were objections from people who lived near the site of the terminal and close to where the company planned to

we went abead with this in terms of passengers the company with a jet-powered ship on the route turbine has a great future in specific areas of the shipping business-container ships

Mr Olavi Pylkkänen (left) and Mr Vesa Makela. and roll-on, roll-off ships. It is a simple engine which can be quickly overhauled and the initial cost is less than a medium-speed diesel engine. In the case of the innjet, diesel engines to achieve the same results would have cost Fmks20m

more than the turbines ", he

conventional ferry which would do the trip in four days—before deciding on the The running costs are higher, both in terms of the volume of fuel consumed A key factor in the and in cost relative to other forms of fuel oil, but Mr decision, he says, was the fuel consumption per passenger mile. Given a Pylkkänen and his colleagues have ensured that the quicker turnround time and Finnjet will be able to take much higher use of the ship advantage of the further refinements in gas turbine technology which reduce fuel consumption. carried, all the calculations confirmed the economies which the route offered to

" All ferry operators are faced with the same cost structure problems", he says. The only way to overcome them is to carry more passengers at the same price but at much greater frequency. It is simply a

case of improving productivity, as in a factory.

" I cannot see that we shall be the only people operating a ferry of the Finnier type in the future. Ship design is no longer simply a question of design, it is a question of design for a complete transport system." Mr Makela's

preoccupations, however, are not those of strategic planoing but are of a rather more short-term nature. Like the rest of the world's shipbuilding industry, the Finnish yards are feeling the effects of recession. Some of his colleagues at Wärtsilä's yard in Turku have been laid off this year because of the

low level of orders in hand —others will follow if no new orders can be obtained. Mr Makela was among the that we shall lose our job thousands of Finns who have if the yard cannot obtain left their country in recent years to obtain employment

elsewhere, notably in

Sweden. He went to Italy and worked with Montecatini Edison before deciding about 18 months ago to return to Finland ' if it was as bad as it was when I left.". Inflation has been high.

record levels and industry, including shipbuilding, is being plagued by a space of strikes in support of wage demands. But despite the problems,

unemployment has risen to

Mr Makela says that the installation of the gas generators on board the Finnjet has been interesting

"Once the ship is finished the future does not look very bright", he says. "I do not know what the future of this kind of vessel will be and naturally there is a fear that we shall lose our jobs more orders."

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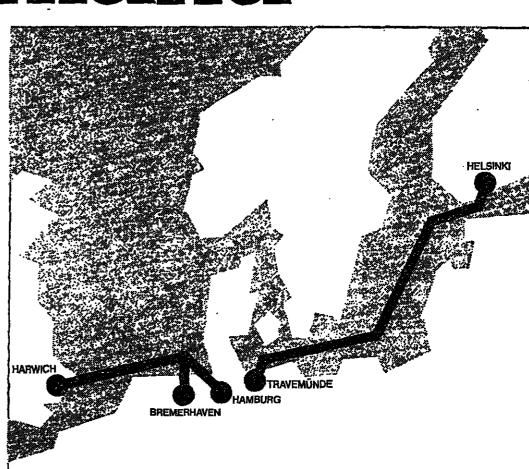
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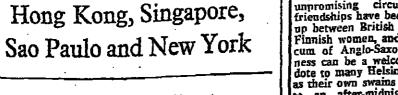
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in harbour tax, and cargo-handling for the ferry could be a money-spinner. In-directly, the corporation calculates that each passenger brings E3 to the town through sundry purchases.

Helsinki clearly believes the German tourist hordes who, in their quest for Finminal building and long glass-encased gangway have been erected by the port of Findines pondered three and money by driving up to Travemunde at a cost of possibilities in Germany: Stockholm and then crossing "Of course there are risks. Travemunde, Kiel, and a to Turku will deem the Finning weather. But we keep form of propulsion. The decision taken to go ahead with the project did

Finnlines will incur standard

dues for the 150 or so nimes

the Finnjer docks each year. A total of 300,000 passengers

system and flashing lights. switched to the new pavilion. Final check-in is an hour And the 60 cruisers that call been assigned to cars, buses staff to handle large parties this side of the harbour, and giving an effective boarding time of 30 to 40 minutes. same."

Ample dockside space has been assigned to cars, buses and juggernauts embarking on the ferry, but what difficulties can 300 cars suddenly disgorged at 5 pm bring to

bridge has been widened, and policemen on point duty will keep the traffic moving. comparison, has attracted an autobahn almost to the

But granted the excellent president in charge of turn-around provisions, could business planning and not some unexpected human or mechanical failure shatter the Finnjer's tight appreciated the benefits schedule? Finnlines does which could accrue to the afford itself a 24-hour company from a high-sne breather once a formight; service on the route. His its special machine shop can interest in the possibilities overhaul the spare engine, which can be fitted in six hours; and it discounts the likelihood of sudden strikes. American ship, Admiral William Calleshan which

lower than a year ago. "Genuine English pubs nor the noun. The only bar that really resembled a pub went the way of the Mikado restaurant to which it was attached—up in flames. The

managers. Regrettably sweeping Finland. Backed by though, hotel masseuses— much vacuous moralizing, a strapping women approach- compaign has been launched ing retiring age whose dedi- against drinking and cation never oversteps the smoking. It looks counterstrict line of duty-are now productive: smokers, now Next comes a meal—un lic places, stub their exceptionable for cuisine, decor and hygiene, but offers several in several in public places, stub their exceptionable for cuisine, cigarette ends into carpets; and drinkers, still convinced that the several in public places, stub their cigarette ends into carpets; and drinkers, still convinced to the public places. that a bottle once opened should not be closed, can

any British palate.

Dining out frequently in beverages, apart from wine volves the perils of what are cost two to three times as varies in inverse proportion in the training prices of the loudness of the music tied to the overall cost-of fincluding the piped variety, living, which means more

increases are imminent. about which Finns are most increases are imminent, uncomplaining). The best But inflation, Finland's places manage with a soli-Whitehouses, and dreary tary pianist, or no music, restaurants are not the most and run the most palatable important aspects of Finnish specialities. Con-Helsinki. In paying through siderate hosts might choose the nose it is easy to overtibe view from the Palace or look the general quality, Kalatajatorppa (the Fisher-cleanliness and style availmen's Croft), the impressive able everywhere. Two Swissmenus ar the Klaus Kurki surveys have indicated that menus at the Klaus Kurki surveys have indicated that and Bellevue, or the quicker hotel rooms, dining out and service at the Vaakuna, Hesperia or Palace grills. in most financial centres.

Against a base of 100 for

Zurich, indices of 66 for a

hotel room and 80 for a main

course were allotted to Hel-Conversation

The city is a fascinating blend of continental and maritime influences. It reflects the strong artistic Finns' strong point, and a urge of the distinctive nation visitor would be sorely pushed to strike up a resumment of the distinctive nation around, and there is a genuine distinctive nation warding services. communicating. Some place worth visiting are Finlandia Hall, where the Helsinki Final Act was signed (bow final will soon be seen in Belgrade) and where two good orchestras give fine concerts in season; the par building, whose walk somehow iament what takes place epitomize inside : the Cathedral, a inside: the Lutheran Cathedral, a green-domed wedding cake of a building and splendid foil to the minarets of the Orthodox equivalent close by; and the town hall, part of the magnificent official block designed by the German pioneer of new Empire architecture C. L. Engel.

The white buff and light greeny-blue facades descending towards the sea produce one of the finest townscapes in Europe. Clinging to the quayside is the marketplace, where monarchs and presidents walk about and jovial stall-holders show that ordinary Finns (as opposed to a small propor-portion of officials on an off-day) have scarcely a trace of xenophobia. This ready welcome for foreigners is one of many for aspects of Helsinki make a trip to the "r city of the north" v white " worth

consumers and farmers in EEC deal

culture. Fisheries and Food, in a long statement on the recent nego-nations on European Community farm prices, said that common support prices would rise by 3.5 per cent for most commodities, the lowest figure since the United Kingdom's accession. Details of the settlement have appeared in The Times of Wednesday and

Tuesday.

There will be a butter subsidy for the United Kingdom (he said) which was not included in the Commission's original proposals, at a rate of 8.5p per lb, until April 1 1978

This should lead to an immediate fall in shop prices of about 5p a ib although I now learn this may be over cautious. Prices thereafter will begin to rise again but ineases and decreases throughout the year are expected roughly to ncel out. The subsidy on Community but-

ter will be financed by the farm fund. It will continue until Janu-ary, 1979, though the rate after April 1, 1978, has yet to be The green pound would be devalued by 2.9 per cent rather than the 6 per cent proposed by the Commission.

Commission.

The package achieved a fair balance between producers and consumers. The effect on food prices in the shops had been cut to the minimum and the green pound the minimum and be getter by the butter subsidy.

The effect un average food prices during the period to next April was estimated at one-third of the prices of the right the second prices control to the prices of the period to next April was estimated at one-third of the period to April was estimated at one-mird of one per cent so that with the transitional steps the overall effect would be 1.25 per cent. When all the effects excluding the transitional steps were fully passed through the increase in the RPI would be less than one-third of one

Mr John Peyton, Upposition spokesman on agriculture (Yeovil, C)—Why did Mr Silkin hold back in March? What does he think he has gained which was not available then to justify the delay and all the bitterness and loss of good will that her resulted? that has resulted?

If would appear that it is something like less than one penny per pound subsidy on butter.

Has he really understood the consequences for the pig producers and processors and if he has why

apparently were they not dis-Has he in particular understood the terrible effect on the specialist producer who has a heavy investment and whose losses, and the general losses throughout the industrial ham been been found to the industrial terrible in the control of the contro dustry, have been running now for months at the unendurable level of £4 per pig after the subsidy? Has he understood the breeding

herd has come down by 10 per cent as a result of slaughterings caused lack of confidence, a destructhat Mr Silkin has given the Danes and others an easy ride in our

We understand that the way these negotiations have been handled have caused immense resentment in Europe, so much so that Mr Silkin's loss of good will has inevitably meant that he was mable to raise the all important question of structural surpluses, let alone make progress. Mr Silkin—Why did I hold out in

March? I did so because the simple reason that the difference between the two sides was too large to be bridged at that time. The actual difference in terms The actual difference in terms that lay between us was a tapering down to 6.50 and what we have got is 8.5p per cent flat and not a stop to the butter subsidy in April next year but going on to the end of the year at a rate to be decided.

This was a considerable advance
and I wish the Opposition would get out of its historical liking for appeasement. If there are two conflicting sides why do they always assume this country is wrong?

I understand the crisis on pigs. That is why I introduced the subsidy and incurred the wrath of my colleagues. Complaints came from various sections of this House that I have not raised it despite the fact that I am being taken to court. Nevertheless there is a substan-

the simution in the agricultural

ling. Agriculture, like other indus-tries, could not remain healthy when energies were squeezed un-mercifully by the Government.

Farmers felt that the present

system of revenue taxation ignored the particular circumstances which they faced. Profits could be

expected to fluctuate from year to year and the income tax system should permit the prudent farmer

to husband money earned in a good year against the contingen-

cies of a bard year.
Lady Robson of Kiddington (L)
said it was the depressingly high
rate of inflation and its impact on
the cost of living which had
resulted in the Government's in-

structions to the Minister of Agri-

culture firmly to resist the de-valuation of the green pound to

the extent expected by Britain's partners in the EEC and by the

British agriculture industry. This resistance had created enormous difficulties in the Evestock

the best possible solution for the United Kingdom consumers alone

irrespective of the views of his partners—who had equal but dif-

Europe (he said) has been ember-rassing to us at home, as it must have been to his colleagues in Europe. At this time when he has occupied the privileged position of

gard to his European partners.

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He has shown an astonishing dis-regard of British agriculture. He is

tial change going on. The effect of the changes I have announced will amount to about £22 a ton taken together with the £23 I got from the Commission last October. I intend to press the matter again vigorously at the next Council
meeting three weeks from now.
Mr Peyton's last question surprises me, but perhaps it should not, on dealing with the structural surplus. That hes at the root of the common agricultural policy and that has to be changed. I have always said so. What does he think the point of dealing with the butter

It was to deal with butter going outside the EEC and being subsidized when we believe it should go to people in the EEC. Butter is consumed by the poorer people within the EEC, those carning less than £30 a week.

The effect of dealing with this

was to cut at that butter surplus and to see the beginnings of a major reform of the CAP. Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—Mr Silkin might have got an even better deal attacked by the Opposition spokes-men in Brussels during the negotlations. (Labour cheers.)
Just because, despite Mr Silkin's
most strenuous efforts, we have
still further increases in the price of food including transitional steps, more and more people will conclude that at this time we should withdraw from the CAP altogether. (Some Labour cheers.) Mr Silkin—He put a view which many in this country share. My task was to deal as best I could with this prices package. To have brought off the lowest increase since the United Kingdom joined the Common Market and to get the butter subsidy was the best I could

Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan, L)—This review is a holding operation until we can persuade our counterparts in Europe to reform the CAP for the benefit of producers and consumers. The butter subsidy and green pound devaluation are steps in the right direction. direction.

do at this stage.

The pig industry is in dire financial trouble. What further belp can he offer for the industry? Mr Silkin—I agree about pig mean and that is why I introduced the national aid. I was grateful for Mr Howells's support although it was not widespread on Opposition benches.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test, Lab)—Even Mr Silkin cannot Test. Lab)—Even Mr Sinki cannot protect us against unnecessary price increases. The time has come for us to say blundy that the CAP is beyond reform and we can no longer afford it. (Some cheers.) Mir Silkin-The question of the CAP being beyond reform depends on what comes out at the end, but Mr Gonld is right.

We were advised by the Conservatives to accept the Commission's original proposals willy-nilly. Had we done so, there would have been no butter subsidy: the variable heef premium would have ended in July ; the isogluctamete levy would have been at the full rate; there would have been a margarine tax would have been a margarine faxof 2.5 per cent: the exclusive rac
proposals would still have been in:
there would have been a ban on
investment in dairy farms, and the
devaluation of the green pound
would not have been under 3 per
cent but would have been 6 per
cent

Mr Peyton-Will Mr Silkin absorb truth is almost without parallel even on the Government benches.
Will be answer the question he dodged before—what will he do about structural surpluses? Is he saying that the butter subsidy is a way of dealing with that problem? Mr Silkin-Of course it is, to anyone who knows anything about it. The structural surplus is simply a mountain of food or drink accumulated because people cannot afford to pay the price.
Mr Jasper More (Ludlow, C)—The
minister's principal interest seems
to be the RPI. The effect of the statement on the farming industry

Minister's EEC posture attacked

Fair balance between | Two-tier British citizenship canvassed: Bill unlikely in near future

A British citizenship for those with close ties in this country and a tains, for example, some discussion British overseas citizenship for the remainder of those people who were now citizens of the United ment of men and women, both in the transmission of citizenship and kingdom and colonies was also Kingdom and colonies was, hir in the acquisition of the through Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, marriage. It also mentions possible explained, the main suggestion thanges in the requirements for canvassed in the discussion document on possible chapges in United Kingdom nationality law, pub-

lished today. Mr Rees, in a statement said: Our per nees, in a statement sain: Our present law on nationality has for long been outmoded and difficult to follow. Accordingly, when the present Government took office my predecessor set up a working party under Mr. Alexander Time party under Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab), who was then Minis-(YOFK, L20), WHO WAS HERE MINISter of State, to examine the whole
question as we had promised in the
Labour Party manifesto of February, 1974. The discussion document is based to a large extent on
their work. their work.

I emphasize that the document is a set of ideas for discussion. It is not a set of proposals for legislation. The Government do not intend to introduce early legislation. Nationality law affects all of us and thousands of people living overseas, so before we embark on change there must be a full oppor-

tunity for people and represent-ative organizations to express their views.

The main suggestion canvassed in the document is that we should have two cirizenships—a British citizenship for those with close ties in this country and a British overseas citizenship for the remainder of those people who are now citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies. dom and colonies. British citizens would have an British Carzens would have an unqualified right of free entry to the United Kingdom, while the right of entry to a dependency would be reserved to those who are British overseas citizens by written

of a connexion with it. The ques-tion who should obtain which of the citizenships on the coming

into force of the new law is dis-cussed in some detail.

the grant of naturalization which have remained largely unchanged for many years.

An important point to keep in mind is that the changes discus in the document would not affect anyone's existing right of entry to the obligation which successive Governments have assumed towards holders of United King-

do not intend to introduce a Bill in the near future. The purpose of this document is to invite views from MPs, private individuals and representative bodies

fully what is put to us and in that spirit, therefore, I commend the tion of the House. Mr William Whitelaw, chief Oppo-

We will want to study very care-

Mr William Wintelaw, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on home affairs (Penrith and the Border. C)—We welcome the green paper as recog-nition of our changed overseas relationship and as an opportunity to provide a more rational basis for our immigration policies based on chiefstephin on citizenship.

The present obscurity of our nationality laws gives rise to wide-spread fears of unending millions who might claim entry into this country, and this anxiety must be removed urgently. This greed paper must be used as a basis for action and not an excuse for prevarication. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Rees—I would defy anyone—after reading the green paper—to on citizenship.

after reading the green paper—to get the confusion in our nationality laws made clear to the legislative

18 months, even if one was working with great urgency.

There are great problems, There was obscurity in 1971 and then the Conservative Government came in with the patriality law which made it even more obscure than it was before. I would not advise jumping

Mr. Sydney Bidwell (Ealing, Southall, Lab)—Does the principle of equality for the sexes shine right throughout the document? On page five it deals with the aconisition of British citizenship by virtue of marriage. If that princi-ple is adopted, then it looks as if his most recent pronouncements on supposed marriages of convenience...I have never known what a marriage of inconvenience is— (laughter)—he cannot operate what is at present operating if the principle on that comes through in

the ultimate legislation. Mr Rees-He is quoting from page five which is a summary. If he will look at page 18 and section 50 he will see that four possible options are put there freely for people to discuss. We have had a look at this in other countries. Whatever system we have, if

iere are bogus marriages ir would

wrong for any law we have to aid those who are marrying to come in rather than marrying for what is the normal purpose. Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UUUC)—Does Mr Rees contemplate dispensing with the status of British subject which since 1948 has been largely devoid of content, and attach to the status of British citizen any substantive rights such as those of franchise in this country?

one in this respect. There is no doubt that the sort of nationality we had in 1948 was based on a concept even at that time outmoded. What we want is citizenconcept even at that time outmoded. What we want is citizenship, citizenship as it is in most

This is the basic reason for
the publication of the green paper.

Mr Rees-Mr Powell and I are

other countries where there are The whole concept is out of dates, rights, but civic privileges are a High Commissioners have been separate matter. Even if at the moment one wanted to after civic privileges, one could do that without waiting for a change in the law of citizen

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)-I welcome the decision to issue a green paper. I understand that some of the issues have been more unter than others have been more. muted than others, but the issue of the rights of the British citizen to have free movement in Europe seems to be the most muted of ail. Although this is the subject of negotiation with our Community partners, the Goternment ought to recognize the desire that British citizens should have free move-ment throughout the Community. Mr Rees: The fact that citizenship of the United Kingdom and colonies, which is a nationality concept, has not been accepted in

Enrope is basically because it is not citizenship in the sense of the term as it is used elsowhere. It is important we get it right. It should mean that a British citizen once given that classification should have the right to free movement in Europe because we have defined it thus. Until we get it correct, there will be problems. Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L)—As most Commonwealth countries in recent years have brought their laws on nationality up to date, will be have consul-tations if they seek them, or invite

penal concept applied in 1948, is so outmoded that all the efforts to deal with the immigration problem through concepts of patriality and right of abode have complicated the law because we have delayed dealing with nationality.

the Commonwealth leaders' obser-

various on this paper?
Our nationality law, bar

instructed already to consul-

mmonwealth countries . 316. Mr Nicholas Scott (Kensington, and Chelsea, C)—Is he satisfied that, in publishing a green paper and then envisaging a prolonged period before legislator, there is not a danger that some

rights are an integral part of the concept of citizenship. There willhe disappointment that this point was not dealt with more fully in the document. Mr Rees—Civic rights are not part of the nationality law. A state has the right to give civic rights when it likes. We have taken decisions

the Bill is published will be very small. In the long run, that will be different because there is a concepthat argument involved in a change of nationality law and in the very long run there will be a difference of tone and an effect on what was once the empire.

Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab)—It is a reflection on the appalling mess this green paper is dealing with that no less than a quarter of the world's population and a majority of the population of to fewer than 35 countries are in British law British subjects, and entitled, as

Will he reconsider the con instructed already to consult will be reconsider the considerate Commonwealth Governments and between civil rights and obtained the Government will be ready to this on this grants, that the account of any views ster; instoric rights to put forward. In pre-basically because the paring this, I have looked at what jab in 1948, and did not notice that time had passed and time he are continuing to give dist nights to people of other independent com-

tries, a practice which is not for lowed at most of the rest of the world?

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there is not a danger that some
groups around the world with a change on the was a desire for a
groups around the world with a change on the rights—and singe
right of abode to the United Kingdom might not be frightened into
trying to exercise those rights
before legislation is introduced?
Many people will feet that that
rights are an integral part of the
concept of citizenship. There will
easy debate oil the green were
the rimerable with a view of the and legislation next. of Rees This is a first countries of matter. They preside administration jumped in because they wanted to move quickly and they got it wrong.

on that over the years.

As for danger, I can see little and St Pancius, South, Labyland would be thate of wimen citizens of the United Kingdom who are working abroast or are above. ing overseas, whose children he ensure it will be possible for Bridsh women to have British babiss wherever they happen to be

should beware of moving quickly because we might get it wrong. There is a section in the green paper on this. It is extremely com-plicated. We want to deal with the

Royal High **School** as 'Rogues Gallery'

Work on the Royal High School, Edinburgh, to prepare it for the Scottish Assembly, had not been suspended, Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland,

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex. C) had asked if Mr Millan was making arrangements for alterna-tive uses for the school while the debate on devolution combinued. Mr Millan (Glasgow, Craigton Lab)—No.

Mr Renton—That is disappointing.
Will he be openminded enough to will he be openmined enough to consider a suggestion from me, a Scot living in Sussex, and call a public conference at the Royal High School on the whole question of decentralization of government in the United Kingdom?

That would give Scots the chance to air whole clease on two ther local to air their views on two-tier local

their future administration looking like a five-decker sandwich. like a fa (Laughter.) Mr Millan-Scots have expressed their views on these matters on many occasions, as have the Government. As the assembly is going ahead, I do not need to onsider an alternative use for the Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles.

government and three-tier national government and on the prospect of

Scot Nat)—The hold-up on the work on the school, arising from English MPs reneging on their election promises.
Mr Millan—There was a fair bit of that around, I agree. (Renewed laughter.) Mr William Ross (Kilmarnock,

Mr William Ross (Kilmavnock, Lab)—Until it is properly used for a proper Scottish Assembly, and as it used to be a picture gallery, it has room for pictures of all the Scots who voted against the devolution Bill, together with their election addresses which high-lighted their support for the Bill. (Further laughter.)

Mr Millan—The Royal High School would be a very suitable "Rogues" Gallery".

Stricter law on price control will buttress competition policy and industrial strategy

When moving the second reading of the Price Commission Bill, Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said it would play a direct respectively used, or were the research professors of the price instance of the p rion, said it would play a direct and significant part in the Government's counter inflation policy.

Mr Hattersley (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab) said the Bill provided powers for the stricter control of prices. The propriety and utility of such powers were beyond question. It had long been accepted by some of Britzan's most successful competitors.

It was equally certain that inflation could only be overcome by the

it was equally terrain that inha-tion could only be overcome by the creation of an economy in which the sterling rate was stable, domes-tic credit expansion was contained and progress towards increasing exports and expanded production was accelerated.

Inflation carnot be abolished by an Act of Parliament (he said). It can be overcome, and I have no doubt it will be overcome if we remain resolute in the pursuit of our present policies.
The movement in the inflation rute which we expect to begin in the summer depends upon the suc-cessful completion of the policy we began last December. Within that policy stricter price control has an essential part to play.

The most important part of the Bill, the power to investigate specific price increase proposals and to freeze individual prices for up to a year, was permanent. It was a new power, more effective that the present controls. level would certainly be greater than the present code. The effect of each investigation and possible treeze would be both significant I am not interested in the

appearance of stricter control said). I want a prices policy which neither deters investment nor allows unnecessary price increases. I believe this Bill provides it. that the Price It provided that the Price commission would receive 28 days' was right and necessary. It sought to protect the consumer against the manufacturing and service the normally stronger forces of

creases under the present code.
Prices which merely produced swollen profits not productively used, or were the result of man-agement preference for passing on costs rather than attempting to improve efficiency, would not be The principal power within the

Bill provided support for both competition policy and the industrial strategy, neither of which were short-term devices. Improving competitive efficiency and influencing industrial performance was not a task confined to the pext few years.

Competition certainly had a part

to play in the mixed economy, but it did not solve all Britain's problems and sometimes it only existed because the Government directly intervened to ensure that market forces really operated.

In the long term, the powers in the Bill, though perhaps operated by one of the existing anti-monopoly agencies, would be used as part of the Government's permanent compatition police.

competition policy. Through the margin controls it would be possible to ensure that profits were not increased by unac-ceptable amounts. At a time of wage restraint it was no more than simple justice to limit profit mar-

gins, but it would be impossible to have effective general price centrel without some sort of wage policy. For that reason, the power to enforce a general code based on net and gross margins expired in three years and even in that time needed renewing annually order.
It did not surprise him to bear

that the reaction of Mrs Oppen-helm. Opposition spokesman or affairs and prices, to the Bill had been trivial and intem-

There were many ways in which it was inimical to all that she stood for. It implied that government intervention within the economy was right and necessary. It sought

It was their fault that the average family today needed another £30 a week to live on, their

another 130 a week to live on, their fault that many thousands of people were seeing their savings wiped out by inflation, their fault that living standards were plummeting, their fault that throughout the Country families and pensioners were having to do without things they had taken for granted all their life, and their fault that the internal purchasing nower of

the internal purchasing power of the pound had fallen from 100p in 1974 to 57p today.

On top of everything else the Government had continuously tried to delude consumers with short-

sighted short-term cosmetics and

sighted short-term cosmetics and artificial manipulations, all of which one by one had left consumers worse not better off.

Once again they were asked to accept yet another set of convoluted price manipulations. The records showed the most they could produce was short-term distortions and disguise rather than cure. At the same time they would undernine investment, confidence

undermine investment confidence and cause even higher unemploy-

required private industry to be publicly accountable for its actions publicity accountable for its actions and was not based on the principle that what was right for big business was automatically right for Caree Parairo Great Britain.

It would be to the commission that prices in manufacturing and service industries were pre-noti-fied and the commission would decide which were investigated. Nationalized industries would be included in the same way as com-panies within the private sector. From time to time the Secretary

of State of the day could ask the commission to examine prices or charges in a whole sector of the economy. When this request was made, the Secretary of State would be able to regulate prices within that sector if the resulting report so recommended. He would have power to freeze prices at existing levels or require actual reductions. Most of the commission's work

tiative and in accordance with its own judgment. However, it would be required to use its initiative and exercise its judgment against the background of a clause containing a set of criteria to which it must pay proper regard. The primary consideration was

the restraint of prices, but there were a number of other matters important to the protection of efficient industry which needed to be taken into account. The Government had met a number of suggestenus of this clause.

The Bill contained one major power which was dependent on the initiative of the Secretary of State rather than the commission. Clause 10 enable bim to direct the comill enable built to direct the com-mission to examine any complaint relating to prices and charges within a whole industrial sector. The Bill also provided a power to act upon its recommendation and regulate prices throughout that sector, either freezing or in some cases actually reducing them.

So, the only outcome of the type of freeze envisaged would be the temporary distortion of the price of some items for which realistic

prices would have to be paid in the

She congratulated Mr Hatterslev

that for the first time in the Bill. effective use of resources and effi-

ciency would be considered in rela-

tion to profits, prices and consum-

The consumer interest would be served if those criteria were the subject of searching investigation

However, the Government had

and another for the public.

This was an anti-business mea-

sure. Profits helped companies to become more efficient and charge lower prices—(Lebour laughter)— and the profits of the private sec-tor paid for health, education and welfare.

Profits, not losses, were socially acceptable. But the Government,

having hopelessly failed to over-

come inflation, were trying to make a scapegoat of business and industry. In doing so they would destroy the seed corn of future

in the nationalized industries.

I anticipate (he said) making up to about 10 references of this sort every year. They will result initially in the commission investigating sectors in a way broadly similar to that existing under our similar to that existing under our existing programme of ministerial references. That investigatory power has existed for four years, but throughout that time the Government have been dended the specific power to act on or implement any recommendation which the investigation produced.

We have had to rely primarily on the good will and commonsense of investigated firms in voluntarily accepting either the spirit or the acceptance of the Government's social contact with the inflored designed mainly to give the appearance that the Secretary of State was doing

accepting either the spirit or the letter of the commission's recom-

back unjustifiable price increases, and it should not be viewed as a

temporary measure. It would be a development of the rules which ought to govern a mixed economy.

The mixed economy (he said)
must be profitable, but its profits must result from efficient competitive enterprises, not from restrictive practices and exploi-tation of the consumer. This is the result this Bill will promote and i

the consumer, but rested on the physical burden of complying with

all the paraphernalia of price con-trol, the limitation imposed on their freedom of action and the

artificial restriction of continued

The consumer was not helped by excessive control of remilers. The Secretary of State was going to far in his efforts to placate the TUC. This measure would not help the housewife but could well demand her long term interests.

damage her long-term interests.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L) said if the House took off all controls on prices and ducomes they would be at 50 per cent inflation within 12 mounts.

If they wanted to stop infistion

the only way was to reduce peo-ple's standard of living. There were two ways, They could leave it.

to market forces or the Govern-

to share out the pain across the whole electorate. He preferred the sharing out the pain argument. That was why he would support the Rill

Miss Conagh McDonaid (Thurrock,

Lab) said the Bill was part of a conducing process of weakening price controls.

This was a weak Bill and a weak

method to attempt to control prices. It did not get to the sub of

the problem. It was the wrong

approach. There was only one way to deal with prices, and that was by a planning agreement where

the Government would abandon

Need for action on misleading prices

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birnoingham, Perry Barr, Lab), continuing the debate on the Bill, said that the

letter of the commission's recommendation.

Clause 17 of the Bill amended the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Act, 1975, so that certain provisions in that Act might remain in force until July 31, 1978.

Provision was made for annual remewal by Order in Council for two years after that.

The same time limits were also applied to Section 8 and 10 of the council for two powers to modify other enactments and to restrict dividends, and to powers to modify other enactments and to restrict dividends, and to the power of the Price Commission which the price of socialist to enforce a code under that Act. This clause appeared in the Bill this was a major piece of socialist legislation designed to sap further did not introduce new elements to the pay policy, but merely contained the status quo. The Time would not agree with any MP who chose to vote against this clause which contained essential voluntary powers in support of a voluntary pay policy.

The Bill would attempt to hold policy for tackling inflation. the Secretary of State was doing something to meet anticipated The Bill would attempt to hold sinon had no consistent and agreed

policy for tackling inflation.

Mr. John Nott, Opposition spokesman on trade (St. Ives, C); said he
had been challenged to give
Conservative policy. They accepted
that, Government had to be
equipped directly or through agenequipped directly or inforgat ageinges with powers to prevent the abuse of market power. Strong which could raise price with impunity as members of a price ring or through some misleading practices could not be per-

mitted to do so but must be pre-vented by defined statutory proce-Competition policy was not being undertaken by the Govern-ment at all. The sensible answer seemed to be to fold up the Price Commission into the Office of Far Trading so that price investigations were concerned with and embraced competition policy.

We cannot (he said) have three

bodies all falling over each other, all broadly concerned with the maintenance of fair trading because that will place an impos-sible burden on industry and sible burden on industry and create a bureaucratic machine totally without any kind of relevance to its efficiency.
The Government record on prices was staggeringly had.

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Mr John Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab), said much of the Bill was about arresting the force of monopoly and the control of the market. The figures were convincing eridence of the need for price intervention as well as the supervision of the Monopolies Commission.

In many shops and in many advertisements, there were many ludicrous claims about reductions from entirely artificial recom-

from entirely artificial recom-mended resale prices or manufac-turers' recommended prices. The Conservatives believed in fair conpetition, but many recommended prices were artificially inflated to give an assurance—an illusion—of competition where no competition existed.

existed.

There was one example where a Price Commission recommendation had been utterly disregarded by one firm. Following the inquiry into the price of small electrical goods, one manufacturer—Horpoint—promptly started and heavily advertised a new discount on its own retail recommended price. ily advertised a new discount on its own retail recommended price. That was simply footing the public. The Price Commission had concluded that recommended prices were misteading; the Government were right to do something now, and to do something permanent. The Government ought to take the power to require the display of prices for services as well as for products.

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 279 votes to 257— Government majority, 12 The Bill was read a second time.

Bill to delude consumers and placate TUC The Government got it wrong right at the beginning and they had not got it right since. It was their level of public expenditure, their silent acquiestence of the wage explosion in 1974, their belated and ituadequate attempt to attack inflation in 1975 and their appalling record that led to the fail in the value of the pound last year. It was their fault that the one item could be passed to another or, at the end of the period, there would be a fresh burst of price increases, as hap-pened at the end of the price check tium, said retailers' opposition did not arise from any desire to exploit

what has come out is remarkably by the winter there would be grave little.

It is not tough bargaining (he added) it is not successful bargaining, it is a humiliaring process in which he is left with few winnings The Government could not blame a 20 per cent drop it farming output on the weather, Lord Middleton said when he opened a debate on

and even less friends.

The fear was that the negotiations would have allenated friends industry.

The growing lack of confidence stemmed from more fundamental in Europe.

British agriculture was a success story and he hoped that by design or mistake they did not take it for reasons than the weather. It must cast doubt on the industry's ability to show progress towards the Gov-erument's projected expansion. A serious problem was the rapidly eroding competitive posi-tion of British farmers resulting from the fall in the value of ster-

granted.

The Bishop of Carlisle, in a maiden speech, said he had his own flock of four-legged sheep. He hoped the Upland Management Services might go on being developed and the importance of the upland areas be realized afresh. He said there might be a germ of truth in the ribald and scurrilous paraphrase of Grey's Elegy in a

Churchyard circulating in his area, entitled The Upland Lament. The first verse was:

The ecologists tall the knell of changing ways, The caravans wend slowly o'er the The farmer sadly leaves his farm-

To tend the camper and the EEC. Lord Woolley said they would never make a success of the CAP as long as they pretended it could operate in the overall way which was being attempted until now. There had to be more flexibility and derogation to individual

Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) said it was her husband who had brought about the introduction of the Milk Marketing Board in 1931 and she Earl Ferrers, for the Opposition, attacked the role of the Minister of Agriculture in the CAP price review. There was a danger that if the minister continued to insist in getting what he believed to be the heat receible solution for the was happy that the marketing arrangements were to continue. She hoped they would fight to the death to keep the board which provided selling machinery as well as production and was able to get on the right side of the consumer. Lord Walston (Lab) said he had farmed for 40 years and had never known agriculture in a bealthier ferent interests—he would prejudice the standing of the United Kingdom in Europe.

The minister's conduct in Europe (he said) has been embarated by the said of th state, the land more fertile or bet-ter drained, the buildings in better order, farms better equipped with modern machinery, with good quality livestock and farmers and farmworkers more skilled and bet-

ter trained with better professional and practical advice available then authority as President of the Coun-cil of Ministers he must have believed he was acting as champion of the British consumers, but he has shown a discourtesy and disre-Generally more emphasis had to be given to the consumer and less to the producer. Lord Lyell (C) said there was widespread apprehension in certain sectors of the farming community, particularly in the livestock sector. regard of prism against the first prepared to frustrate and block the European Community's plan of action for less than a penny a pound on butter. He has held up these negotiations for a month and There were shortages of beef and pigment already. These would get worse later this year and certainly

shortages, particularly of pigmeat. Viscount Trenchard said he was more alarmed than he had ever been about future supplies of food afford. There was no sign of the anord. There was no sign or the essential long-term investment in agriculture which could produce the food the country would need in three or four years' time. Consumers had been living in a fool's paradise. Lord Collison (Lab) said he would like to see understanding grow be-

tween town and country people. People should no longer think, as tween town and country people. People should no longer think, as some perhaps still did, that the farmer and farmworker were understand that farming was a second class citizens. They should great, complex and important industry which was entitled to the same returns as was expected in industry elsewhere. industry elsewhere.

Lord Sandys (C), for the Oppostcome the short-term advantage of butter subsidy but he was certhe agreement ran out and the day of reckoning came. Lord Peart, Lord Privy Seal, said,

on the question of the guaranteed price for milk and potatoes, that now that agreement had been reached on Community farm support prices for 1977-78, the Government hoped to make an early announcement on the guaran-tee determination for the period up to the end of transition to December 31, 1977, when, under Community rules, the guarantee would cease to exist.

The guarantee determination would relate to the whole period from April 1 to December 31, 1977. He could assure the House that the Government's decisions con-tioued to be guided by the aims and priorities in the White Paper Food from our own resources. It was right to have a broad strategy.

In the EEC they had got continuity of supply, which was important. With good will they would get the improvements in the CAP that they still wanted

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons Today at 2.30: Finance Bill, secon reading, Motion on Southern Rhodesi (United Nations Sanctions) Order. House of Lords Today at 3.00: Merchant. Shipping /Safety Convendent Bill, third reading. Patents Bill report stage. Ofter Hun-ing Reguladen Bill, second reading. Debarable question, about lighter than air transport.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Gloucester, C), moved an amendment declining to give a second reading to a Bill which, it stated, established a system of price control that would discourage investment and destroy jobs without any genuine benefit to the consumer and did nothing to midgate the Government's disastrous record on prices which were rising at 19.9 per cent compared with 8.4 per cent in October, 1974.

She said despite Mr Hattersley's She said despite Mr Hattersley's extravagant claims for this measure, it represented no more or less than the latest episode in the continuing saga of this Govern-ment's so-called attack on infla-tion, an attack that had become a rout as one disaster had followed upon another.

The amount of hardship and suf-fering that had had to be endured by the people as a result of the continued failure of the Govern-ment to defeat location could not be over-emphasized nor could the fact that it was likely to intensify in the coming months as prices leapr ahead and the cumulative effect of three and a half years of double-figure inflation took their

The background to the gimmicks they had had over the past three years was the most stringent price and profit control. Yet none of this had prevented inflation from rising by over 72 per cent in this period, an all time record. At the same time investment had been para-lysed, unemployment had soared and there had been the most abysmal record on prices of any government in the country's his-

It was no good their trothing out all the moth-caten alibis and bleat-ing about commodity prices and the drought. The same drought and commodity prices had had to be faced by most of Britain's competitors who had managed to keep their rates of inflation down to half of that of this country.

Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, said in a written reply: Regulations governing this

reply: Regulations governing this situation will be brought before the House early next session. It is the Government's intention that, where a contribution record does not justify the payment of full pension, basic pension will be reduced according to the same for-

Eaving got all their inflation forecasts wrong for the umpreenth time the Government understandably were facing a restive TUC. So far they had not got phase three of the pay policy and yet under the fall business and industry were being asked to settle for the cart without having seen the horse. Because profit levels had been so depressed over the last three years. the only outcome of the kind of pricing freeze envisaged in the BILL was that their goods would disappear to be replaced by expensive imports. In the case of multi-product companies, price increases on

New pension regulations Mir Joseph Dean (Leeds, West, mula as now applies to the flat-rate for Social Services, how entitlement under the Government's new pension scheme would be affected by gaps in an individual's contribution record.

amount of entitlement to basic Labour candidates The Covernment had no intention of withdrawing Labour candidates from any Scottish constituency, Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during questions about the Labour-Liberal pact.

Retirement costs

of the extra cost of pensions, the savings from other benefit pay-ments to men over 60, and the

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introducing a political measure which would lead to the decline of some companies and failure of others. Neither would it help contrade unions were involved.

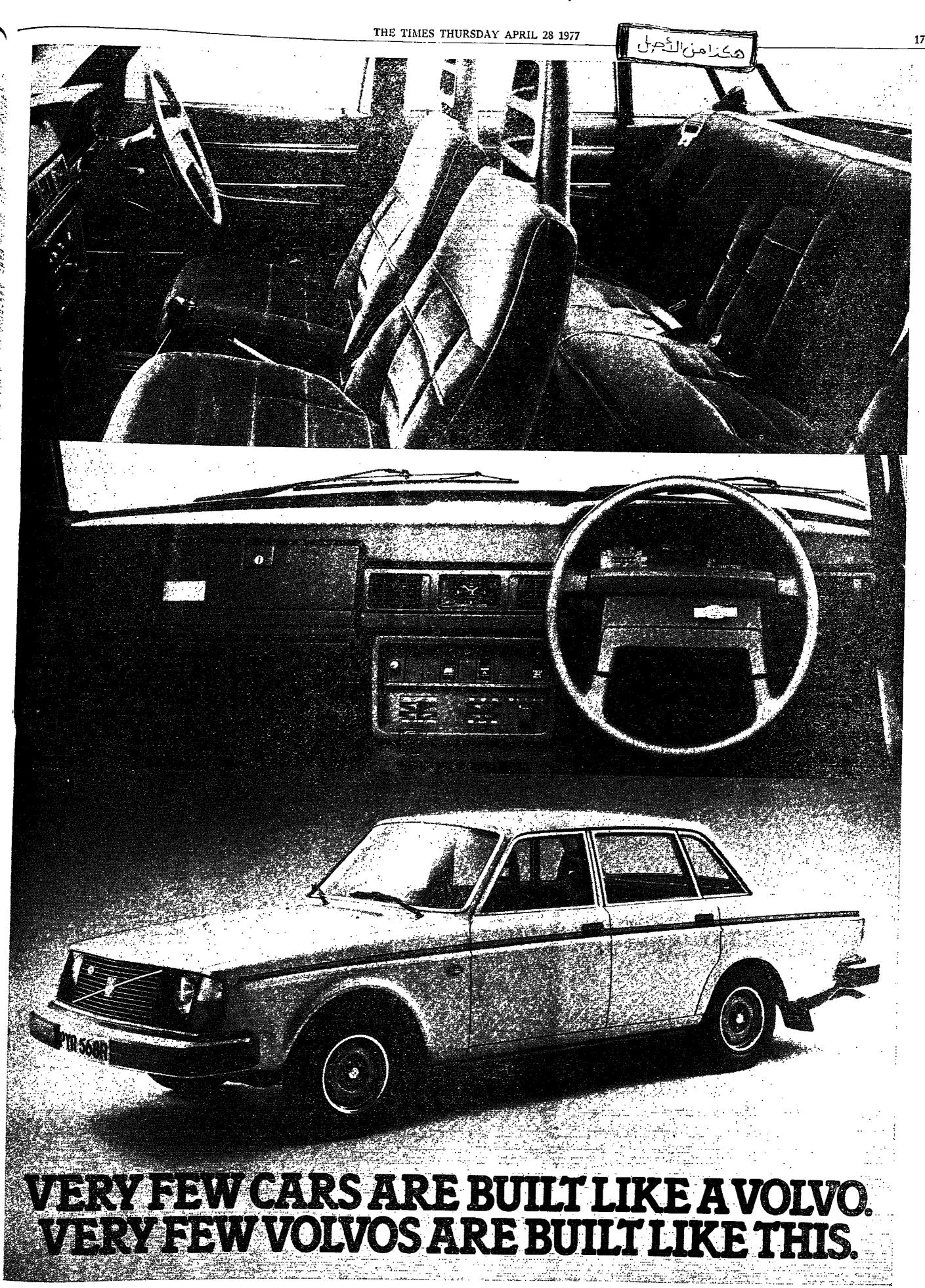
Mr Kenneth Baker (City of Westsumers.

Its main purpose (she said) is the delusion of consumers and the temporary placation of the TUC. Mr Sydney Tierney (Birmingham, Yardley, Lab) said subsidies on basic food commodities should have been continued to deal with the bully price. sumers. minster, St Marylebone, C) said the good element in the Bill was that it marked the abandonment of the attempt to control prices through costs. He suspected that the margin controls under the Bill. For most goods bought in the spiralling prices. There was a need to be more vigilant than ever on shops competition was by far the most effective way of keeping Mr Joseph Godber (Grantham, C),

Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, said in a written reply: The extra cost to the national insurance fund of reducing men's pension age to 60 would | be nearly £1,900m in a full year, at current pension rates. If the reduction were phased in over five years, the first step would cost about £325m, the second about £365m, and each further step about £400m. These figures take account

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Whatever happened to the great education debate?

Shiriey Williams. People who have never met her like her and approve of her because she talks so modestly, unprovocatively and sensibly. She also wears such sensible clothes and has that slightly rumpled lock of a certain upper middle class sort which gives the impression of someone who has just rushed in to make a quick political speech in the middle of bottling

What could be more reassuring for everybody, whatever their station in life? As for the people who have met her, they are almost invariably bowled over by her ability to feel that they matter in a really special way. Few problems arise, so far as I know, from any arithmetical calculations about how much specialness can be spread around while still

You will remember all that philosophical stuff of Bishop Berkeley's about the non-existence of material objects except when they are perceived, and rooms that cease to exist when you go out of them. Well, Mrs Williams by nature has that enviable political gift of making it seem that the room dida't exist until you came

with Tocether bound!ess energy and faith in the efficacy of political activity, this makes very formidable political equip-ment, besides which Mrs Wil-liams holds almost all the coproved moderate radical ideas hich win the conscience of hat we might call Guardian ean; she is passionately pro-propean; Gaitskellite; anti-too-

Everyone I langualikes Mrs immigration, as well as procomprehensive school.

Who better, then, now that public opinion has forced the Government to note at last the concern of ordinary people about the state of public education in Britain, to take on the task of steering what is called the national debate on the sub-

Who could be as well equipped to attempt the impossible job of reconciling the amour propre of the organized teachers and educationists with the misgivings of parents, employers and ordinary citi-

I cannot think of anyone better able than Mrs Williams to get away with saying, or rather half-saying, some of the things about standards and methods, and even school organization, which, when they were first uttered by these dreadful original Black Paper people, poor mild Professor Brian Cox and Mr A. E. Dyson, evoked the angry laughter of every respectable "educationand which, in the mouth of that other Black Paper vil-lain, Dr Rhodes Boyson, evoked contemptuous progressive mut-tering about Dotheboy's Hall. For a brief moment, it looked as though Mrs Williams was going to make all these gentlemen

Mr Callaghan, soon after be-coming Prime Minister, was quick to grasp the depth of public concern about education and authorized Mrs Williams to start the debate which has led to organized debates on the curleading towards a Green Paper, far in the substance of the which will be published in June matter. or July. But then what? What will it say?

When she spoke to the recent annual conference of the National Union of Teachers, Mrs Williams received, as my colleague Tim Devlin reported, a prolonged standing ovation. despite the unusual hostility of the conference to the Government on account of the consequences of its financial policy.

Why? Because Mrs Williams "weighed into the education service's detractors", attacked the recent Faraday School television programme as not typical and accused the latest Black Paper of being partisan and light on practical solutions.

This was what the teachers wanted to hear but Mrs Willizms could give them even more comfort. A distorted and negative view of education, she said, was being pedalled in some quarters which refused to note the increasing examination passes—a point which wholly ignores the fact that, within the totality of examination entries and results, there are grave reasons to be concerned about the performance in the really disciplined subjects of languages, mathematics and sciences.

Now all this raises a serious question. What precisely is the Government going to suggest should be done as a result of the educational debate? An approach which seeks to disarm the Black Paper authors by pre-empting the debate that they started, and then denies any credit to the same authors

I fear that, in the end, the Callaghan-Williams approach (and perhaps this is its pur-pose) is more likely to result in talking us into accepting that, after all, nothing much needs to be done than to achieve constructive results. It will not be the first time that politicians have talked an embarrassing problem into the

Mrs Williams ought to be asked why, if the Black Paper analysis of the situation (leaving aside solutions) is not more or less on the right lines, the Government needed to have this debate at all?

The answer is, of course, that as more people have come to see the practical consequences of using education as a tool for social change, their concern has forced the Government increasingly to re-examine its opinions. Teachers too are more and

more conceding that too much has been expected of them as sorters-out of the social prob-lems that arise from the existence of children with less

come to see that the role created for them by the educa-tionalists and the politicians has been to the disadvantage of many of the most teachable

Fundamentally, this is a problem for the Labour Party but the waters are also muddied riculum, teaching training and (who have over the years in by the conflict of interests in the relationship between school cluded some eminent academic the teaching profession and by and working life. All this is figures) is not going to get us need of the Department of Edu-

cation to square circles and please everyone. So the DES and its ministers take refuge in the thought that statistically there is said to be no respec-table evidence about standards. But then why the debate?

Then although Mr Callaghan raised hopeful questions about what is called the core cur-riculum, Mrs Williams has since taken flight from any suggestion that the Government should "impose" a curriculum on schools. The rationale for this is, apparently, that when you get down to it there are very few schools which do not offer the opportunity of basic English and mathematics and

perhaps a language. Ah yes! Perhaps very few. But should there be any? And if there was no problem, what are we debating and who is to have the responsibility of set-ting out guidelines for the cur-riculum and enforcing it?

Then there are the problems of truancy and violence. These worry a lot of people. But as specified subjects they were carefully left out of the recent tence of children with less Government-sponsored debates ability or less advantages than others.

More and more of them individually, whatever their is more or less acceptable as organized spokesman say, have another to see that the role another.

It is probably a bit hard for children who have teachers who are unshockable in these matters, but once again, the problems can be wished away as unquantifiable. In any case, the DES has come in the conclusion as a result of its own. sion, as a result of its own enquiry, that truency and vio-

more of his own choosing had

been added by some means to those who did meet. Even then

there was considerable opposi-

tion. So much so that, as Hsieh Fu-chih also admitted a year

later, Mao might have found himself faced by a hostile body

at the ninth party congress unless lists of delegates were

What then had happened to the "mass line"? "We should believe the masses, depend upon

them, and respect them", said Hsieh. "However, if we indis-

criminately accept and put into

masses regardless of its correct-

ness we are not really following

the mass line but are blindly

correct attitude we should adopt

is that whatever conforms to

resolutely supported and what-

extreme supporters was more frank: "If it depended on

palloting our communist party

would not have been victorious.

party

adopted when the ninth congress was finally held in April, 1969, abolished election of delegates from the bottom up-

wards, abolished election at all, in fact, in favour of "demo-

cracic consultation". By doing

that from the top downwards
"it will be possible to ensure
that the rebels among the party
members (ie supporters of the
Cultural Revolution) will be in

constitution

prepared in advance.

tural Revolution, he contrived the bottom up looks demo-that nearly half the members cratic superficially but actually were not even present and many the representatives don't know

the

of the party

end, turn out to be minor ones, and all the difficult schools to be special cases in special areas. But did not special cases always exist and was their speciality always deemed an excuse? Besides, has not the Government's deliberate restructuring policy, which has destroyed good schools in difficult areas, made life more of a problem for talented children in those areas without doing much for the

No doubt, we shall have a few changes at the edges of the educational morass. Mrs Williams will be ab. to contribute a few more such singular interventions as the one about the "profoundly unsatisfactory" nature of small sixth forms struggling to provide a limited number of "A" level courses, though I could take her to a small (independent) school with a small sixth form which provides more scope than many of her biggest ones.

We shall also have something, no doubt, about teaching methods. Subtle means may even be devised of ridding the state service of some of the back boom. But I fear that too many interests are now vested for much change to be in prospect.

The Green Paper's edges look like being viridian. There is too much of an urge on the part of the Government to face both ways to encourage much hope of radical educational reform. As usual, we shall be reas: d that the powers that be have made no jundamental mistakes. The Government has discerned a political problem and it is giving it very high quality politi

the representatives don't know each other". So matters were managed to "ensure the quality

The same techniques, so far

as we know, were used at the

tenth congress in August, 1973 when the revised constitution presented by the junior mem-ber of the "Gang of Four",

Wang Hung-wen, again speci-fied "democratic consultation"

as the means whereby leading bodies of the party should be "elected". No one doubted what that meant. That congress inaugurated the final phase of

the struggle between radicals

and the rest that ended with the arrests of the radical

leaders last October, a struggle

that has left China pitted with

disorder and damaged by in-

discipline. The strengthening of

political bureau from three to four by the addition of Wang at that congress must be attributed to Mao alone.

As China slowly drags itself

away from this stupid ideo-logical battlefield, what can we

expect of democracy at least in

the CCP? Mr Teng Hsiao-ping

was directly concerned with the

organizing of the eighth congress in 1956, the only one in the party's history elected from the bottom upwards. If he

returns to an important posi-

tion, he may urge a return to the 1956 method of elections. Of Comrade Hua, we now nothing. His ascent to power was certainly not by any kind of election. Until we are told

about the meetings supposed to have been held in Peking in

recent weeks (an enlarged meeting of the politburo? a plenary session of the central

committee?) we shall have few

clues. Only when the CCP organizes its eleventh congress

shall we know whether demo-cracy will govern its member-ship and methods. If that

happens, how soon may the seeds of democracy germinate in China's alien soil?

radicals in the party's

Mr Papadopoulos: "Something went wrong."

The black line that bars the way to a Cyprus settlement

A look of pained surprise passes over the face of Mr Tassos Papadopoulos when he is asked what went wrong at the latest intercommunal talks on Cyprus at Vienna. He was a Greek

Cypriot negotiator there.

Something went wrong after the meetings between Archibishop Makarins and Mr. Denkrash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, in Nicosia", he says. "They agreed that both sides would discuss 'meaningful and substantive' issues in Vienna. Our side had separal meetings. Our side had several meetings with Mr Perez de Cuellar. Dr Waldheim's United Nations representative here, before the Vienna talks started, in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Because I am an old hand with the Turks, I tried to define 'meaningful and substantive'

with Mr de Cuellar, who took this up with the Turkish side."
Mr Papadopoulos produces a document in Mr de Cuellar's handwriting, which contains a message from Mr Denktash-dated March 16, 1977. It says: "We are working very hard. At Vienna we shall not simply comment on the Greek Cypriot proposals on the territorial aspect but shall discuss them in full substantively and meaningfully perhaps even leading to discussion at Vienna of TC

(Turkish Cypriot) counterpro-Mr Papadopoulos describes how he took to figure the map containing the Greek Cypriot proposals for the future division of the island. Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, was present at the start of the talks.

or me talks.
"I went to Vienna", Mr Papadopoulos says, "in the sure belief that something would be forthcoming from this meeting. On the second and third day

on the second and third day at Vienna, it was obvious it would not work. On the second day, Mr Onan, the Turkish Cypriot negotiator, said: "Your map is unacceptable to us."

"Then he took out of a briefcase a speech which Denktash had made a year ago. He spent an hour and a quarter reading this voluminous speech. The this voluminous speech. The funny thing is that Waldheim had a copy and so did one of my advisers. She turned the pages while we sat there and followed the thing through. I told the UN observers that something was going wrong." The Greek Cypriot map is on view at the information office of the Turkish authorihow soon may the lemocracy germinate alien soil?

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and runs from east of Morphon (at present in Turkish hands) to Nicosia, cutting off Nicosia airport and giving the Turks only the section of Famagusta which they occupied before the Turkish army's arrival in 1974. Then the line turns on to a surprising north-eastward course, giving the Greek Cyp-riots control of a road right up to the eastern panhandle and including some of the northern coast. All the latter is currently occupied by the

Mr Suleyman points to the Kyrenia Mountains which can be seen from the balcony. "I went up there with my wife for a picnic the other day", he says. "I told her that if the says. "I told her that if the Greek Cypriot map was accep-ted, we'd have to start looking for a cave to live in there the Greeks want all the best land back, leaving us just poor land and rock, and some of the northern coast."

Mr Rustem Tatar, one of Mr Onan's advisers at Vienna, makes much the same point. Before Vienna, both sides agreed that the Greek Cyprists would put forward a map which would satisfy the conditions of the talks—the territory was to be discussed in the light of land ownership. We saw the of the land we hold now. The Greeks claimed 20 per cent of the land that contains 85 to 90 per cent of our economic resources in the porth. The map is so snaky that the border is 130 miles long. It is artificial

and very insecure."

The history of the 11 years of mistreatment of the Turks by the Greek Cyrriots—Mr Tatar's description—is a recurring theme. Mr Tatar says:
"We want control of our own
security—that was what Mr
Denktash explained in the
speech that Mr Onan quoted.
We do not want a strong central We do not want a strong central government like the Greeks propose. We said at Vieuna that Cypriots prove they can be trusted—then the power of a central government might grow.

They say our ideas of a confederation are no more than a treaty between two states, but the Turks have a state in Cyprus now. The Greeks want to carve up a small, barren are: for us, to treat us like Red vation. We will not live in a state where one side dominates the other, as it did bere in the

Robert Fisk

As China drags itself away from ideology, the first signs of democracy could be showing

fixed in the minds of a generation of Chinese intellectuals the nationalism that was to carry nem forward over three decades. All that actually hap-Chinese government that had accepted the clauses in the Versailles Treaty awarding to the Japanese the territorial rights in China that they had seized from the Germans.

The outburst marked a new

confidence in Chinese nationalsm and the modernization of China by the Chinese themknown as the five-four movement (fifth month fourth day). China in the past year could it be that the events of April 5, 1976, will give birth to the fourfive movement? That was the day of a massive demonstration in Peking in honour of the departed Chou En-lai and unmistakably in rejection of the culteral revolution and its legacy of disturbance; even in many minds a vote against Mao. Were those who demonstrated then striking a rare blow for democracy and representative govern-ment in China?

Such seeds of protest and affirmation were there, cer-tainly. But if one asks questions about democracy in China it is as well not to be too sanguine. civilization like China's, so different from our own and so much older in its ways, will not easily shed deeply embedded habits or find it easy to domesticate new ideas.

It was Europe that invented together. I think, therefore I an, therefore I say what I think, wherefore i mark the ballot paper with a cross, In China, neither individualism nor democracy has ever surfaced, nor does either show the slightest

was unfortunate for her, she

says, that he, whom she found frail, in need of sensible care

through a desperate illness,

should have lived so long after

their parting. Only now is her first volume of autobiography, The Tamarisk Tree, written since

Russell's death, appearing in

paperback. In her mid-80s she

is hard at work on the second

An earnest free lover, whose

marriage foundered at the birth of her second child by another

man, she savs she has never

changed her feminist principles.

emotion, "has been completely logical". She still believes that

only women can save the world

from advanced technological

disaster, an argument she set

But she admits things have

not gone as she expected when

she was young, "I still helieve

in free love, but I am shocked at teenagers having sex as if they were just eating their

My life", she says with some

and third volumes to follow.

The May 4th movement of 1919 lated into Chinese carries an inescapably pejorative sound.

But of course communists have shown themselves to be spurn western democracy and claim to have their own, demonstration by university the people's will. "Democratic centralism" is the phrase behind which this spurious democracy is supposed to operate. It is scarcely worth examining from the standpoint of a western democracy. It may be dis-regarded other than showing that lip service is paid in Peking too, to the word demo-

What is worth examining is whether or not the means whereby the "proletarian cratic core whatsoever: namely what kind of democracy exists within the Chinese Communist Party? For this purpose the first six congresses of the CCP, held from 1921 to 1928 when it was under varying degrees of Soviet Russian domination, may be disregarded.

The first congress mattered was the seventh, held at Yenan in 1945, at which Mao Tse-tung's domination of the party was formally acknowledged. In the party constitution then adopted it was declared that "leading bodies at all levels are elected". But they were not, in the no doubt diffi-cult conditions of that guerrilla revolutionary headquarters. Hsieh Fu-chih, one of the small handful of senior party mem-bers who supported Mao un-reservedly during the cultural revolution, in a speech in October 1967, when the ninth individualism, and Europe that congress was being planned, evolved democracy: the two go admitted that those who had attended the early congresses of the CCP, including the seventh, were not elected but appointed. Only at the eighth congress, he revealed, had delegates been "elected from the bottom upward".

sign of influencing the way
Chinese society is governed. The
to be held after the CCP had
very word individualism transwon power in China in 1956, a

The Times Diary

Over 80, she still battles on



Chairman Hua: A new hairstyle like Mao's, but he is not following

and his close supporter Mr Teng Hsiao-ping. It was a congress where Mao ran into opposition but had to compromise. It was the congress at which the elected central committee was the one later to be attacked by Mao for its revisionist trend. It is often now forgotten how

congress at which the dominant much more open government figure had been Liu Shao-chi was in that era before Mao pressed his own revolutionary ideas in the great leap forward Revolution.

> central committee plenum in August, 1966, before picking on the party groups that he was determined to oust in the Cul-

over, in addition to their indivi-

the majority . . . working from late walking through an atomic reactor, going down a coal mine and flying in a hot-air balloon.
There will be exhibits of fashion, furniture, drink, toys, crockery and other British pro-

ducts. Courtaulds will present a scale model in Lego of the Horse Guards Parade during the Trooping the Colour. Marks and Spencer will sing of their ex-port achievements: I expect to be approached any day now for the loan of some of the more historic garments in my collection of their menswear. The exhibition opens on July 1st and will run for nine weeks.

It was bad enough for travellers from France last month to have their journeys disrupted by a strike on the ferry from Dun-kirk. But it was cruel of French Railways to rub sait into the wound by declaring, on the leaflet announcing alternative travel arrangements: "We hope that the substitution solution will limit the annoyances at their meximum."

Gentle fun

A less formal celebration of the jubilee took the regulars of the Peacock pub in Maiden Lane by surprise on Tuesday night. It was the first perform-

Upper Parts Disposed Of

This unusual service is advertised in Baker Street, London, where it was photographed by R. Cocksedge of Northwood, Middlesex.

being interviewed on the tele-vision set in the public bar, and a particularly noisy game of dominoes among the waiters from Rule's restaurant at the

other end of the saloon. They did so with some obvious jokes, loud songs and performance of the national anthem sung backwards, which drew some applause. What the audience liked best, though, was a training course for royalty which involved lessons with a hand-shaking machine and m reacting with regal graciousness

to a custard pie in the face.

The thesis of the performance was that royalty have to be specially trained so that when they do ordinary things it will appear remarkable. Anti-mon-archical? The pub customers did not think so. bit of fun, isn't it?", said a man sporting a red carnation. "And very tuneful too."

Secretive

Latillia Ga

Bob Huntley, former head of the Scotland Yard bomb squad and now security adviser to the The players had to compete BBC, still looks under his car with the sound of Mrs Thatcher and opens his mail with care.

when he held a party in London

in Britain. in Britain.

Bomb Squad has been ghostwritten for Runtley by a
journalist, and was carefully
vetted by the Yard before publication. "They did not take
out much, but then I knew what I could get away with", said Huntley. "There are one or two secrets still unrold." The

to the curbing of urban terror-

missioners. A notable absences was Roy Habershon, now a commander in charge of the serious crimes squad, but formerly the man on the ground who actu-ally made the bomb squad work.

Hoots

The not so ancient art of burling baggis was demonstrated in Edinburgh yesterday in preparation for the world championships of that curious sport to be held during the Gathering of the Clans. Originated, according to the organizers, in the village of Auchnaclory—a near neighbour of Brigadoon haggis hurling derived from the method by which women passed lunch to their husbands and sweethearts across the swollen waters of the River Dromach. Standing on ah upturned

whisky barrel a gentleman in a deer stalker and plus fours hurled his hageis between a row of national flags. The stout missile landed somewhere between Italy and Czechoslavakia and overyone applauded. Inquiries about the varid contest on May 7 have been pouring in at the of 100 a day from foreigners busily rediscovering their Scottish roots.

revolutionary industrial pro-cess, to judge from a cen land which a Fulham reader cane across on a recent trip to Irun.
"Orange juice", is read. "Prebest Irin pered from the

"I do not regard that as

liberation. Women are being to produce. We do not seem to tempted to treat sex like men care about that."

12 to more than £10 and the do. but any relationship that She is still a vigorous supis to go deeper than promis- porter of good causes, and average 20 per cent of the turn-

Fifty years ago Dora Russell cuity has to involve love, was Bertrand Russell's wife. It respect, understanding and at least some interest in the same sort of things."

Nor is she enthused at seeing women nearer positions of great power. "Take Mrs Thatcher", she cries indignantly. "She is only an artificial man, a plastic woman. She has entered so completely into the man's world that she has just become part of the male political machine. Women should be aiming to use their physical and biological objectives of our society, not just to get equal pay and equal rights.

She thinks the advanced industrial nations may be doomed by their machine-minded and competitive male domination. It may just become too difficult and too much bother to have children. Women imitate men in their careers, and can have sex and marriage without

children.
"Why should they bother? commodity in our society, but what really matters is not industrial productivity but what sort of human beings are we going

chorries with delight in recountcountes with delight in recounting the latest snooks she has cocked at her favourite target, the Establishment. Most recently she was at one of John Tyme's anti-motorway demonstrations, against the Hayle bypass near her home in Cornwall, and protestic against the state of the s and protesting against repro-cessing other people's nuclear waste at Windscale.

But she likes President Carter, is a little more optimistic about the future of the world than she has been for some time, and is thrilled to be published in paperback by the feminist publishing house, Virago. "It's a good fighting title", she says.

The condition of British Leyland is sadly reflected in a frank full page colour advertisement which the firm placed in The New Yorker for the Triumph Spitfire. It read: "Save an endangered species. Buy one."

Singalong

houses, back alleys and resettlement areas: betting on marathon bird-singing. Bird-cages enclosing singing finches, thrushes and robins are placed side by side and the birds are persuaded to whistle and chirp non-stop rivalry.

last its rivals. Bets range from field, complete with icy f2 to more than £10 and the temperatures and howling

Each chirping contest usually lasts from 15 to 20 minutes. The reputed Hongkong cham-pion is an unbeaten thrush, known irreverently as "Madam Mao", which is claimed to have set a record of 35 minutes of unbroken chirping, continuing solo for more than five minutes after her runner-up subsided. The contests have raised the

prices of thrushes, finches and

robins in traditional Chinese

bird-shops to as much as £40. Expo 77 ---The silver jubilee will be

marked by the first exhibition to be held in Hyde Park since 1851. The giant white marquee in which it will take place is less ambitious than the Crystal Palace, but the organizers hope that the contents will be as When I heard that they would include yet another model of

the dreadful Concorde, my heart sank several decibels, but A revival of a unique Chinese some of the other exhibits craze has hit Hongkong's tea-sound jolly enough. Only 31 companies and organisations will be taking part, but they in-clude some of the country's

BP are supplying the marquee, the one inside which the Queen inaugurated the Forcies Gamblers gather and lay their promises much. It will be a bets on the bird which will out mock-up of their Alaskan oil last its rivals. Bets range from field, complete with icy

Visitors will be able to simu-

ance of Corgi and Bess, a new play by the Covent Garden Community Theatre, who take their shows round pubs in the area.

yesterday to launch his autobiography, a crisp account of his years as head hunter of the IRA

book tells little about the man himself. "I like a drink and a game of bowls; that's all you need know about me."

Huntley thought his greatest triumph had been to apprehend the Old Bailey bombers, and his greatest disappointment was not to have caught up with Cleran McMotrow, now on trial in Dublin. Speaking generally of his career, he thought he had made a substantial contribution

His party was well attended by sector Yard men, including the present head of the bomb squad, Jim Nevill, and an array of deputy and assistant com-

settlement



THE CITIZENSHIP TANGLE

Ever since the Act of 1962 first restricted the right of free entry from the Commonwealth to this country British immigration policy has been bedevilled by the mess into which our laws on citizenship have been allowed to degenerate. Ideally, whatever controls may be imposed on immigration should be based on, or at least closely linked to, the rights of citizenship. Citizens may come and go at their will, others by our leave—that is a general principle that a nation tate reasonably seek to apply. But for Britain over the past fifteen years that has been impossible, largely because the British Nationality Act of 1948 was so generous in distributing was so generous in distributing a general citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies, which until 1962 carried with it the right of entry to Britain, Subsequent amendments have added to the complexity without making the definition of citizenship an effective instrument of immigration control.

The Green Paper that the Government has now produced is intended to do precisely that, or rather it is intended to begin a process of consultation from which a new and effective definition of citizenship will emerge. Despite the calls in the Commons yesterday for urgent action, this deliberate approach is entirely justified because this is a field of policy in which good intentions and sound general principles count for nothing if he details are wrong. The caution is all the more necessary in this instance because some of the details in the Green Paper

are far from clear. The basic purpose is to replace citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies with two catecories: British citizens, who will have the right of entry to Britain, and British overseas citizens, who would have no such right. In broad terms this distinction is sensible. It would not be likely to have much if any effect in practice on the right of people to come to this country. That is already restricted—and much more rigorously than is acknow-

of the East African Community,

ruary, and closing the border-

which he has now sealed as

though Tanzania and Kenya were

at war. It was quite unnecessary

to do this merely to terminate

the trade between the two coun-

The border was sealed, how-

ever, for reasons which go to

the heart of the disintegration

of the East African community-

to prevent his own citizens who

are supposed to be enjoying life

in a socialist country from seeing

the far higher standards of living

which are enjoyed in Kenya's

managed capitalist economy.

Tanzanians want to cross the

border into Kenya, in short, to

buy food, soap and medicines

now almost unobtainable in their

country-just as Ugandans slip

into Kenya over their closed

border with bags of illicit coffee

to barter for the very bread of

awkward imbalance between the

prosperity of Kenya—developed by the much-abused British

settlement of 1900-1960-and the

relative poverty of her partners

in the common market. Their

sense of grievance began in

colonial days. But the rather

small disparity in natural re-

sources has been aggravated by

the failures of Tanzania's social-

There has long been an

which their shops are empty.

tries, as he has done.

KENYA'S SENSE OF ISOLATION

President Nyerere has taken a reduction of Uganda into a slave-

high moral tone over the collapse state exploited by an army caste

but it was he who finally brought cadre. As Kenya's partners

it down by seizing Kenyan (and latterly ran out of foreign ex-

even British) vehicles in Feb. change they failed to pay their

sion—by British immigration laws. What this change would do is to remove any possible ambiguity about the rights conferred by British citizenship.

If any group of people with no other rights of citizenship were to find themselves excluded for whatever reason from the country in which they are now living they would have a claim as refugees upon the moral conscience of all countries. But as British overseas citizens there could be no question of their having even a residual legal right to come to this country. As political and social realities would make it impossible for Britain to redeem such a wide obligation if it were to exist it is no bad thing to avoid any confusion now. That would not preclude a British government from doing whatever it could from a sense of moral obligation to relieve the hardship of any particular group. That would depend on circumstances that cannot now be foreseen.

British citizenship would naturally go to those with the closest links with the United Kingdom, whether of blood or residence. But it is not clear from the Green Paper that it would be possible to draw the lines of demarcation to such general satisfaction that immigration policy could be based in future simply on citizenship. There is indeed a basic confusion on this point. The Home Secretary told the House of Commons yesterday that the proposals would not affect anyone's existing right of entry to the United Kingdom, but it is hard to see how that assurance could have been given with con-fidence if it is indeed "intended that only British citizens should have the right of entry to the United Kingdom". Some of the options put forward for consideration would not in fact seem to square with that intention. It would seem more reasonable to suppose at this stage that whatever is done over citizenship there will still have to be addi-

tional immigration laws. It is made unnecessarily hard to assess certain ideas in the ledged in much popular discus- Green Paper, however, because it due.

and a foreign administrative

share of the common services,

bills became outstanding, and an

exasperated Kenya abandoned

the crippled East African Air-

ways Corporation and set up its

own contract airline. By now the

dispute is really over the residual

assets of the defunct community.

Acrimony will persist until these

are distributed. But there is always a political factor in an

Kenya has become isolated and

feels apprehensive about the con-

sequences. Not only have rela-

tions with its partners broken

down, but Kenya has lost its

former great ally in Ethiopia;

while Somalia's claim on Kenya's

northern province is backed by

Nairobi's sense of external threat

has been enhanced by the sealing

creasingly seen not merely as a

device for hoodwinking Tan-

zanians, but as a weapon to "de-stabilize" Kenya by increasing

unemployment and promoting dissent through the loss of the

invasion, except contingently from Somalia; the Amin threat

ignominiously failed. The foment-

ing of internal revolt is another

matter. Relatively rich as Kenya

is, not all Kenyans realize it, and

Kenya is hardly in danger of

Tanzanian trade.

of the Tanzanian border. It is in-

Russian - organized army.

economic dispute.

is not absolutely clear whether one is being presented with pos-sible grounds simply for citizen-ship or for the right of entry as well. That is of particular force in the section on the rights of spouses. The paper is eager to follow the doctrine of sexual nondiscrimination and puts forward four options for placing the rights of husbands and wives on a basis of equality. Where the right to citizenship is made conditional that presumably does not

mean that the right to residence would be made conditional as well, otherwise there would in-deed be a loss to human rights. But rather than accepting any of these options it might be wiser to change the existing practice on immigration and challenge the principle of sexual non-discrimination in this field.

Admirable though it might be on general grounds, it has in practice opened the way to evasion of British immigration restrictions because of the long established practice of arranged marriages in the Asian communi-ties. This has led to what is in effect an active trade in the right to enter Britain that is bestowed on any young man from the Indian sub-continent who marries a girl with the right to live in this country. Because of the marriage customs in the Asian communities there is no reason to suppose that these are bogus or likely to be short-lived marriages. But they certainly undermine the purpose and effect of British immigration control. It would altogether be an advantage for race relations in this country if husbands only had right to bring their spouses here and if the laws of citizenship followed that line—though there would undoubtedly be

many protests. There are a good many other points of detail which will require careful and patient scrutiny because it is all too easy in bringing in a reform of this nature to infringe certain human rights in the small print, as it were. But in general terms the structure of change outlined in this paper is necessary and over-

there is popular resentment

against the new generation of

rich Kenyan businessmen, the

officials who buy large farms,

the professional classes, the "Kikuyu establishment" and the

Asian remnant. Ethiopia, a late

convert to marxism, is evangelis-

tic and Uganda is a conduit for

foreign influences. These gather-

ing clouds may explain President

Kenyatta's sudden decision to

postpone indefinitely new elec-

tions in the Kanu party, which were years overdue and needed

to animate reform and revive

democracy, but are also liable to

provoke excitement and public-

In its exposed situation Kenya

has relied on western coopera-

tion, yet it knows that too obvious

a relationship will rouse African

rancour widely. Perhaps in con-

sequence, the removal of white

farmers and expatriate Asian

traders has been stepped up. But

no such expropriation of foreign

business assets as has occurred

elsewhere is even discussed,

while foreign loans and new in-

vestment are encouraged. Kenya's

best associates in diplomacy are the other moderate African

states, and it certainly approved

Morocco's assistance to President

Mobutu to save Zaire from destabilization. The West's

interest is to help Kenya, Zaire,

Sudan, Zambia and Nigeria, and

likeminded members of OAU, to

stick to African independence;

but that help has to be given with tact and discretion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Social background

of the hooligans

From Miss E. M. Dixon and Mr
A. R. Bunbury

Sir, A brief comment is needed on Sir, A brief comment is needed on one aspect of Mr Dave Robbins article "Growing Violence on the Terraces". In describing the activities of the "red scarved mob who follow Manchester United" he suggests that membership comprises the mainly unskilled or unamployed and migrant warms. employed and migrant young workers, social missits and plain soccer fanatics".
The latter may well be true but

his other categories are questionable. We work as probation officers at a London magistrates' court which has to deal with handfuls of which has to deal with handfuls of soccer hooligans whenever Chelsea FC has a home match. What distinguishes these young men from others of the same age group appearing in court on criminal charges is that (a) they are usually in work and that not necessarily of an unskilled nature (b) they rarely have convictions for anything other than disorderly behaviour at foothall matches and (c) that whilst than disorderly behaviour at foot-ball marches and (c) that whilst they are not necessarily living locally, they do in the main live at home with their parents. In our experience they bear little resemblance to other young people we meet in the course of our work whose problems are associated with rootlessness, poor family relation-ships and bad employment records. Dedication to a football team is a costly business and although social security benefits are com-monly thought to be rather more than generous, we have grave doubts whether the actual rates would subsidize more than occa-

would subsidize more than occa-sional attendance at home matches. If the phenomenon of violence at football matches is to be properly understood it is necessary in the first place to be aware of the type of young person involved and talk of social mistirs and the dispossessed does little to help to-wards a clearer grasp of the actual

នាំងនេះចំលា Yours faithfully, E. M. DIXON. A. R. BUNBURY

Inner London Probation and After-Care Service, 1A Walton Street, SW3. April 27.

From Mr R. J. Moisey Sir, Your report on April 23 of the views of Oxford University psycho-logist Mr Peter Marsh on the sub-ject of football hooligans was read by myself and my colleagues with some increduilty. It was inevitable that eventually someone would sugpest that the cause of the trouble lies not with the clubs, players, news media or parents, and cer-tainly not with the youths them-selves, but with the police, whose "intervention forered violence." "intervention fostered violence". The remedy is therefore clear-cease this "intervention" at once, and not only will the violence go away but my members can again enjoy peaceful Saturday afternoons at home.

Recently injured officers are also encouraged by Mr Marsh's reported view that bloody noses and lost teeth are acceptable violence, and are certainly not to be described as "non-social". Your report ends with the comment that Mr Marsh " is unscamed from three years' research on the terraces". He may well be physically unscathed, but I suggest that his sense of values has been seriously affected. It may not be significant, but the most unruly, violent and "non-social" crowd with which this small force had to

cope this season came from Oxford I Yours faithfully, R. J. MOISEY, Chairman, Joint Branch Board. Police Federation of England and Wales, Police Station, Mereway,

Human rights law

Northampton.

From Lord Gardiner, CH Sir, In his interesting article in today's issue (April 26) Mr Christopher Walker does not refer to one
of the reasons why the largest numher of complaints of breaches of
human rights referred to the European Commission comes from Britain. This is the fact that a Britain. This is the fact that a number of the countries which are party to this international treaty have made the European Convention part of their domestic law, either because under their law international. ternational treaties automatically come part of their domestic law or because they have made the European Convention part of their

domestic law by legislation.

If, as in the simple Bill introduced by Lord Wade in the House of Lords, we made the European Convention part of our domestic law, our cirizens who contend that there has been a breach of the Con-vention in Britain could take the matter to our own judges instead of having to engage in the time consuming process of taking their com-plaints initially to Strasbourg. Yours, etc.

GARDINER. House of Lords.

Starting salary £60,000

From Dr J. H. Baron Sir. Clinicians and their petients depend on the diagnostic skills of pathologists and radiologists. However, despite the quality and quantity of our trainees, about 80 consultant radiologist posts in the NHS remain unfilled. Since the radiologists at one of my hospitals emigrated several years ago we have had to make do with temporary locums; repeated advertisements for a permanent post attract no

I also work at a hospital where many radiologists are trained. The latest senior registrar to graduate from this department to a consultant radiologist post has gone across the Channel, where his expertise will be sustained by up-to-date equipment and a starting salary of £60,000. In Britain his salary would have started at £7,563, and he would probably have had to use ancient machines, in inadequate buildings, surrounded by demoralized colleagues such as posed destructions was the physical J. H. BARON, bulk of material involved. 36 Abbey Gardens. St John's Wood, NWS. A weeding process was also carried out on the 1880-1930 legal

Without a vote in the Community

From Mr R. J. Peliza

Sir. 20,000 Gibraltarian UK citizens, also citizens of the European Community, are being deprived of their democratic right to vote in the envisaged election for Representatives in the European Parliament. This is their undemocratic position notwithstanding it is stated in Article 227-4 of the Treaty of Rome, under which Gibraltar forms an integral part of the EEC that, "The provision of this Treaty shall apply to all the European territories for whose external relations a Member State is responsible." It is impossible to reconcile this democratically deprived position of the Gibraltarians with the speeches made in Brussels on September 20, 1976, when the text concerning the European election was signed by the nine Foreign Ministers.

The then President of the Council, Mr Max van der Stoel said, "For the first time the people of Europe will be called upon to elect their representatives. . . The idea of the European Parliament is enshrined in the Treaties."

To these words the chap President

To these words the then President of the European Commission, Mr Francois Xavier Ortoli added, "For it is surely the Community's main characteristic, and perhaps its most important justification, that it is a Community of peoples united by an ideal of life in a democratic system". Yet 20,000 citizens of the Com-

munity are being left out of their "democratic system" without an explanation. Not unreasonably the Gibraltarians wish to participate in the election as entitled. Not by having a sole Gibraltar representative elected, which would be impractical but by being included in one of the electoral regions of their mother country whose dependent territory Gibraltar is.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT J. PELIZA,
House of Assembly,
Gibraltar.

From Mr D. H. Pantlin Sir, Direct elections to the European Assembly. The Government White Paper on this subject refers to recommendations of the Select Committee "that the franchise should be extended to certain UK nationals resident overseas" but it goes on to say that "the Govern-

ment does not consider that this important extension, which would have obvious relevance to the frauchise for Westminster, should be

made without prior consideration by a Speaker's Conference". This news will be a great disappointment to many persons living abroad, especially within other EEC countries, as it will appear as yet another example of delaying tactics to prevent their views being represented Many years ago votes were given to servicemen and women stationed abroad since it was considered that they were defending and promoting British interests; most British communities abroad are serving the same purpose today and resent their exclusion if not from Westminster at least, in so far as EEC countries are concerned, at their exclusion

from the European Assembly.

If such matters as proportional representation can be discussed, with a very obvious possible relevance to Westminster, it would seem absurd to pretend that the subject of votes for expatriates cannot also be examined now arnament.
It is possible that the Govern-tent is correct in suggesting that

the votes for expatriates question should be reviewed by a Speaker's Conference. Therefore it is greatly to be hoped that all parties in Parliament will plead that such a Conference should take place so that Wastiniana can take place so that Westminster can take a decision on this matter before the end of this year. There would appear to be no valid reason why this should not occur and the Conference might even be convened only to examine this question. It could also express an opinion on whether or not such votes be given exclusively to UK residents in other EEC countries than the UK.

Let it not be said again that there

is insufficient time for Parliament to decide this issue well before the coming European Assembly elections, thus giving enough time for those who wish to do so to com-plete the formalities suggested by this same Select Committee and which seem perfectly easy to operate.
Yours faithfully,

D. H. PANTLIN, Avenue de Mercure 11, 1180 Brussels,

The 'News-Standard' From Mr J. C. Potts

Sir, The article by Sheila Black (April 26) does little to reassure me that a hybrid News-Standard will be in the interests of the newspaper-reading public. Quite apart from its depriving Londoners of choice, the merger seems to be founded on a mistaken idea of the role of an evening newspaper. role of an evening newspaper. Contrary to the view of the Hon Vere Harmsworth, people in one part of London do care what happens in another part of the city.

and this concern goes well beyond the notion of "regionalised local interests". It is very dangerous and 00lish to assume otherwise. If the Hon Vere Harmsworth has forgotten the fact, could be be reminded that London is a very large city and very important things happen in it, and not just in West-minster? Does he consider the events of last summer in Southall to be of merely local interest, of no concern to other Londoners? Does he consider the redevelopment of the docklands to no importance to readers in

Wimbledon? Or the problems

schools in one London borough to

be irrelevant in another? The Evening News has a far wider area of circulation than the Standard, and has never in my experience, devoted half so much of its attention to London. This lack of interest will be continued in the new venture, and indeed reinforced, for the Hon Vere Harmsworth considers that London needs a "national interest" paper, inspired, if this term is not a contradiction, by the Daily Mail. We will be forced to subscribe to every local weekly in order to find out what has been

ing on in the meantime. On Saturdays there is not to be an regards the Saturday editions as an expensive luxury, claiming that their readership is largely composed of racing and football followers, and hence eminently dispensable. One must suppose that her argument caused some dismay amongst the sports staff of both papers. Saturday editions can be withdrawn so easily, the weekday midday editions would be next in line. Sports material is therefore in

principle of only minor importance. Her assumptions seem as mistaken as those of the chairman of Associated Newspapers. News does not cease at 5.30 pm on Friday and restart some time on the following Monday, and ipso facto is the case for a Saturday edition. Furthermore, sports are not limited to racing and football, and are of interest to many people. Is it not self evident that part of the job of a London evening paper is to report the activities of London sports teams, their results and comment upon them? London's teams, athletes, swimmers, cricketers and so on are not automatically covered by the Daily Mail, nor by any other daily newspaper. Need it be said that the Saturday editions also carry TV, radio and cinema programmer as a real of all cinema programmes, as well as all the other features for which a news-

paper is usually bought? It is tedious to make out such a case as this, and almost certainly futile. The News-Standard will be with us, the rival envy-lust between the Beaverbrooks and the Harmsworths will be consummated at last, and the readers will have to pay the price. I wonder who is tempted to say "No news is good news"? Yours faithfully, C. POTTS,

91 Cleveland Gardens, NW2.

From Mr John Tooley and Lord Sir, We view with concern the reports of the imminent closure of the London Evening Standard. The closure of the paper would (as stated by its Editor, Mr Simon Jenkins in The Times of April 25) leave a yawning gap in London's cultural life.

The paper has shown an intelli-gent concern for the performing arts, reflected in the day to day coverage and the Theatre Awards it instituted, and the more recent Ballet and Opera Awards. This support will be sorely missed if the paper disappears.

Yours faithfully, JOHN TOOLEY, General Admini-Strator Royal Opera House, HAREWOOD, Managing Director, English National Opera,

records, under the guidance of a committee headed by Lord Den-

ning; this resulted in the wholesale destruction of records. The only

consideration that seems to have

been applied was whether the

records in question were of further

interest to the legal profession;

hardly an adequate criterion. In 1961 the then Lord Chancellor

agreed to the destruction of certain

copies of wills made originally by

the Estate Duty Office. The destruc-tion went ahead despite the fact

that the Society of Genealogists

pointed out that there was reason to

believe that they contained conies of wills of which the originals had

been lost. The Society's requests to

house the records and to microfilm

the indexes were also turned down.

These examples must surely con-

Covent Garden, WC2.

April 27.

The British archive From Dr Christopher T. Watts

Sir, As a genealogist and regular user of the Public Record Office, I read with great interest your leader on "The Preservation of the British archive" (April 22) I echo your concern that important documents are being destroyed by unwise weeding both before and after their transfer to the PRO. Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, in the recent House of Lords debate, expressed the view that the destruc-tion of records should be regarded as a highly exceptional event. But is it so? In recent years I can recall three major destructions of documents which I believe took place without adequate expert consideration being given to the potential

future uses to which the records stitute a prima facie case for review of the procedures under which document destruction is approved. might be put The first example involves the proposed destruction of some 90 per cent of certain Merchant Sea-Since the destruction of documents is an irreversible process, it can only he justified where the learned men's records compiled between 1860 and 1911. The 10 per cent that were to remain could only have societies representing nossible future users of the records have been consulted and have unanibeen of use for statistical purposes, mously agreed to it; a single veto. thus rendering the records effectively useless for anybody wishing suggest, must be considered sufficient to ensure that the records to trace the career of a seaman of the time. In the event most of the continue to be preserved. In these records were preserved by a Canadian university. The process is modern times when microfilm is about to he repeated with the more recent Merchant Seamen's records. and I presume that we must again hone that an overseas university will come to the rescue. One of the contributing factors behind the pro-

universally available, the excuse of pressure of storage space must never be allowed to enter into the argument. Yours faithfully, C. T. WATTS. 27 Fairriew Court, Manor Road.

Ashford,

April 24.

Middlesex.

Sea pollution from oil rig mishaps From Lady White

Sir, From misfortune good may come and it is to be hoped that the spur of the Ekofisk oil platform blow-out will bring into much sharper definition the hitherto illdefined measures required for inter-national offshore operational safety.

Three subjects may be singled out. The Bonn agreement, signed in 1969 by the eight countries border ing the North Sea, was drafted when offshore operations were only beginning and all the emphasis was on ship-based pollution. Lawvers are still not agreed on whether it covers offshore situations, although as the convention provides for consultation only, it would be of no great consequence had not our Norwegian colleagues felt that it was of importance to them as the most vulnerable area concerned.

most vulnerable area concerned.

Secondly, there was no real agreement in the 1976 Convention on civil liability for offshore pollution damage, which in any case is not yet in force. All countries can, in effect, go their own way, which can lead to most unfortunate differences where more than one country is affected by damage. By starting with a figure which the Norwegians felt was unreasonably low. wegians felt was unreasonably low, the French and British govern-ments did not help matters to reach a firmer conclusion.

Thirdly, the arguments over mechanical versus chemical treatment of oil spills remain unresolved. More internationally coordinated research effort is urgently needed; booms and scoops are useful in calm but not in rough waters. Work by the Royal Navy on suction treat-ment is also so far ineffective in high seas. But work is going on in Norway on hydraulic pumping sys-tems. If such means can be developed, not only would one avoid short and, probably more im-portantly, longer term effects of chemical dispersants on marine life, but one could also recover a significant proportion of the waste oil.

All these matters have been raised in recent months with United Kingdom Ministers by the Advisory Committee on foil Pollution of the Sea, the body representing United Kingdom local authorities, tourist, fishing, amenity, conservation and maritime interests. We work in close cooperation with our allies in the Nordic Union for Prevention of Oil Pollution, another non-governmen-tal body representing similar in-terests. We are seeking an early Parliamentary opportunity, in a House of Lords debate on May 17, to press the Government to say what lessons they have learnt from the Ekofisk mishap. Yours faithfully,

EIRENE WHITE. Chairman, Advisory Committee on Oil Pollution of the Sea, 39 Victoria Street, SW1. April 27.

Leyland productivity From Mr Andrew Cooper

Sir. Montague Calman (April 22) should dry his tears and come out of his corner rejoicing at the energy of the British Leyland worker. For, overwhelmed by his Japanese counterpart 11.78-fold in respect of the amount of machinery available to him, he nevertheless turns out a car in a mere 5.22 times the number of days taken in Japan. He is thus 2.26 rimes as efficient. Shouldn't he be paid 2.26 times as much? Yours truly. ANDREW COOPER.

25 Grove Road, Leeds. West Yorkshire. April 25.

The Press Association From Mr I. H. N. Yates

Sir, In the report in your issue dated April 23 (" Journalists vote for a news blackout" etc) there occurred a statement about the ownership of the Press Association which was incorrect. May I ask for the opportunity to state the facts in your columns?

The sentences involved were: "The PA is owned by the Newspaper Society, which represents the managements of most provincial newspapers in England and Walcs. Its services are also used by national newspapers, television and radio."

The Press Association has been owned since its foundation more ihan a hundred years ago on a direct co-operative basis by the daily and Sunday newspapers published in England outside London, in Scot-land, Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland, and these individual newspaper-member subscribers are the sole ordinary shareholders.

It should be understood that the Newspaper Society, the trade association and employers' organization within England, Wales, and Northern Ireland representing the provincial daily and weekly and London suburban papers, is not eligible to hold PA ordinary shares, nor is any other employers' representative organization.

Yours faithfully, IAN YATES. Chief Executive, The Press Associa-

85 Fleet Street, EC4. Aprì; 26.

The regimental connexion From Lord Russell of Killowen

Sir, I have not seen the TV advertisement which connects an Air-borne Regiment with a wrist watch, mentioned in Lord Kingsale's letter to you (April 23). In the last days of the war I was possessed, as part of my regiments G 1098, of "watch, wrist, Airborne, one". Could this he an ancestor of that in the TV advertisement?

A dishonest plan to "lose" my watch was feiled by the substitution by military hospital authorities, when I was unconscious, of a receipt. Yours faithfully RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN. Orchard House, Sheepdown. Perworth, Sussex. April 23,

ist organization as by the

Water charges

Rosell.

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter Sir, Nobody seems to love the new water authorities and I have just discovered a further reason, apart from their patent extravagance, why

I have the misfortune to have a home within the area of the Southern Water Authority. In common with other public spirited consumers I exercised last year during the drought the utmost economy in water consumption. I am, contrary to my own wishes but at the option of the Southern Water Authority, supplied with water on meter. I have recently been informed that I am being rewarded for my exercise of economy in con-Sumption by receiving a demand not only for the amount of water actually consumed, but in addition for a surcharge in order to bring my total account up to the minimum charge which would be payable were I charged on ratable value.

I queried this with the Southern Water Authority and have received from them a reply which is the epitome of petty departmental gobbledegook. It is as follows: "The Authority had asked all consumers to cut back on their normal consumption so that more radical account to the consumers of the consumption of radical action in combating the drought would become unnecessary. This request was made both to metered and unmetered classes. Where unmetered consumers had reduced their consumption they were not relieved of the domestic water supply charge payable on their ratable values. It would, therefore, be inequitable if the minimum charge fixed for metered supplies were not correspondingly

Read quickly it all sounds very fair but when analysed it is a classi-cal example of a public authority with monopoly in the supply of a necessity of life having it both ways. For, in the case of those consumers who are lucky enough to be charged on their ratable values, there is a certain rough equity, since if they use a lot of water they get away with it for nothing extra. But, in the case of the citizen who as the result of the arbitrary decision of the water authority is charged on meter, he cannot gain. If he uses a lot of water he, probably rightly, pays for it. But if being a public spirited citizen he puts himself to loss and inconvenience by cutting his consumption when asked to do so by the Government, he is rewarded by being charged for water he has abstained from con-

suming. weather again puts the water authorities in difficulty, they are unlikely to get much of a response to their appeals.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, BOYD-CARPENTER, House of Lords. April 25.

From Ms Helena Stone

Quite apart from the injustice to which we are accustomed from the smaller kinds of public authority, it is surely a matter for public concern that when a spell of dry

Party strengths

Sir, The article by Mr Athur Osman (National Front to fight more than 300 seats") in The Times, April 15 casts a spurious implica-tion regarding the relative strengths

of the National Front and Liberal Parties.

There is no reason to doubt that the National Front is concentrating its campaign for next month's local government elections in the industrial areas of the Midlands and Yorkshire. In times of economic recession the National Front are inevitably going to field candidates for most of the seats in certain inner city areas with high immigrant populations, such as Leeds and Bradford. Mr Osman is in error, however, in claiming that "in virtually every other area (outside London) they beavily outnumber Liberal candidates". In fact, the 300 seats being contested by the National Front compares with over 1,500 being contested by the Liberal Party. In West and South Yorkshire the National Front is fielding 70 candidates as compared with the Liberais' 99.

It would be a sad day indeed were a fascist party to be seriously accepted as a third force in British politics. In spite of Mr Osman's implications to this effect, the facts show that despite the publicity it has been able to obtain, the National Front is still a party attracting the support only of a very few racist extremists. It is patently untrue to imply that the National Front has overtaken, or is in danger of over-taking, the Liberal Party as a major political movement. Yours faithfully,

HELENA STONE. Regional Secretary, Yorkshire and Humberside Liberal Federation. 15 Queen Square, Leeds.



Tower Drilling, now the major company in the Group, is one of Britain's top companies in the manufacture of equipment for drilling, such as drill rods, casings and diamond bits. "We make whatever goes down the hole," says founder John F. Ashley.

This Chesterfield-based company exports its products throughout the world. In Europe, including Britain, they are used in quarries, coal-mines and offshore oil rigs. In Africa you'll find them used for drilling for minerals and water, in Brazil for copper. In the Persian Gulf, they're helping to build the world's biggest dry docks.

Valuable – thanks to Midland

But as John F. Ashley explains: "We reckon you're only valuable in the drilling business after you've reached a certain size. We would never have grown fast without the help of the Midland"-the Group accounts and the directors' personal accounts are maintained at the Chesterfield branch.

"It's thanks to the Midland, for instance, that we can meet virtually any demands for exploring new coal fields or for safety probes in existing mines.

"Drilling rigs are expensive pieces of equipment that you can't afford to have idle for even two days. When our customers want parts, they want them right away," says John F. Ashley.

How Midland money helps

Ron Sykes, Secretary and Financial Director, explains how Midland Bank Group helps-with money, for example.

"The biggest single facility we have is to finance stock-holding. We hold something like £400,000-worth of parts in our Tower Drilling Company alone.

"Look what it's like with exports, for example. Tooling-up for overseas markets can be fast and furious-when it happens. It's like an explosion of drilling overnight, and that's the kind of reason why we have to hold such large stocks.

"Many of our contracts are with foreign governments. They're always big, so exports can be up to 40% of our business in a year. The Bank understands that; we have arrangements with Midland Bank International Division for a facility should we need it. The International Division has been very good for us. They make sure our foreign earnings come back at the right time, and they help us when we have to buy forward currency."

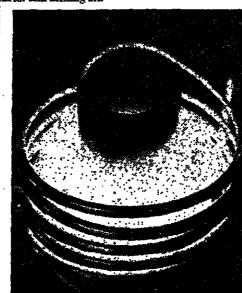




One drilling bit can use up to £1,500-worth of



Repairing the must of an off-shore drilling rig.



Bonding diamonds onto the body of a



"More economical insurance"

Company insurance is another area where Midland Bank Group specialist expertise has proved especially valuable.

"We have men going underground, and we insure them at competitive rates. We're agents for a range of German drilling machines, and when we're bringing equipment from Germany there can be £500,000worth of cover involved.

"Until Midland Bank Insurance Services took us in hand we were under-insured on somethings, over-

insured on others.

"They have put everything together and given us some very good advice. We have Group policies now for everything-they're easier to understand and more economical"

"Drilling for the future"

"Drilling is probably the most dramatic industry in the world right now-everyone is looking for energy, for minerals, for water, everywhere they can think of.

"We find that having Midland Bank with our Company is like having a third hand. We can discuss so many of our future developments with Midland Bank Group companies.

"I remember in our early days together, when we reached £10,000 turnover in a single month for the first time. I said to John Ashley the time would come when we'd be doing £100,000 a month and, when he looked surprised, I told him-why not? It's only another nought!

"But we would never have made it without the Midland"

How Midland Bank Group can help

The people who work at the Midland are always ready to help you, and the companies that make up Midland Bank Group can help your company in many different ways. Their services include: facilities for term loans, leasing, hire-purchase, merchant banking, equity capital for growth companies, international insurance broking and advisory services, international and export finance, travel, factoring, investment management, and trust services.

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Priestley

Instead of the Trees A Final Chapter of Autobiography

John Steinbeck

The Acts of King Arthur and his noble Knights

Paul Scott

Staying On

Richard Gordon

The Invisible Victory

Judith Burnley

The Wife

RK. Narayan

The Painter of Signs ...



Luncheon

HM Government Mr E. Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Mr John Compton, Premier of St Lucia.

Dinners

luner Temple Princess Alice Duchess of Cloucester was entertained at a dinner in hall given by the Ireasurer of the Inner Temple, Mr. Justice Nield, and the Masters of the Bench yesterday evening, being the Grand Day of Easter being the Grand Day of Easter Farm. Among those present were: The Lord Chancellor, the Marquese of Februal Syrvia Countess Do Le Warr, Indian Syrvia Countess Do Le Warr, Indian of Ancaster Piscount Lorer and Counters of Counters of the Counter of Beinelvia the Market of the Rolls, Lord Shawrross, OC. Mr Javard Heaft, MP, Mr William Deedes, "In David Steel, MP, Field Marshal Sir Capilla Trainter, the Treasurer of the Counter of the Counte

Grain and Feed Trade Association The annual dinner of the Grain and Feed Trade Association Ltd was held at Grosvenor House sesterday. The principal guest was Mr Michel Fribourg, president of the Conductal Grain Company, New York, who pro-

ORIEL AND ST ANNE'S COLLEGES:

University news

Oxford

the association, responded. Mr D. M. McL. Clark proposed the roast of the guests, and the response was made by Mr Justice Donaldson. Other guests included the Mirdster of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr E. S. Bishop, and the Opposition front-bench spokesman for agriculture, Mr J. Peyton.

Carpenters' Company
The Master, Mr C. E. Keysell, and
Wardens of the Carpenters' Company entertained members of the court of the company, their ladies and personal guests at dinner at Carpenters' Hall yesterday even-ing. The Master and Dame Helen Gardner were the speakers. Among others present were: The Presidents of the Institute of Bulld-

The Presidents of the Institute of Bullding and the Chartered insurance Institute, the charmen of the Commercial Union Assurance Company and the Fire Offices Committee, the honorary treasurer of the Insurance Institute and the director of the Fire Protection Association and their tadies: the Headmitstreases of Christs Hospital Girls School and the City of London School fr Girls, the masters of the Mastons, Planters, Johnson of the Mastons, Planters, Johnson of the Christian Christian of the Blacksmiths, Company and their ladies.

Fédération Internationale des Femmes des Carrières Juridiques Mrs Winifred Ewing, MP, was the sponsor and principal speaker at a dinner of the United Kingdom section of the Fédération Inter-

The Master and Clerk of the Cord-wainers' Company dined with C Company, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and

Latest wills

Service dinner

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Mr Edric Cecil Mornington Roberts, cf Rome, the novelist, left estate in the United Kingdom valued at £83,394. He left £4,000 and all copyrights, royalties and patents in respect of his published literary works to the Incorporated Society of Authors, Playwrights and Composers and all his unpublished manuscripts, personal diarles, correspondence in his file

letters and notes and all copy-rights therein to Churchill College, Cambridge. Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Audley, Lady, of South Kensington £110,776 Lewis, Mr. Richard, of Mayfair, barrister £437,179 Mocatta, Mr. Edward, of West-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. J. Broughton and Miss J. M. Curtis The engagement is announced between Timothy James, elder twin son of the late Rev J. H. S. Broughton, Wing Commander, RAF (ret), and of Mrs Broughton, of Morston, Norfolk, and Janes Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. R. Curus, of Lodge Farm, Loddon, Norfolk.

Mr J. I. Cook and Miss S. E. Davison The engagement is announced

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represented by Mr James Orr.

KENSINGTON PALACE

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YORK HOUSE

13 today.

April 27: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester dined in the Hall of the Inner Temple on the occa-sion of Grand Day of Easter Term, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in

attendance.
The Duke of Gloucester opened

the new Driving Establishment of the Department of Transport at Cardington, Redfordshire, this

afternoon.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance.

April 27: The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master, today presided at the Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England at Freemasons Hall.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN was in attendance

Buckley, RN, was in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron of
the Samaritans, this evening
attended a Reception at St James's
Palace as part of Samaritan Week.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Lady Helen Windsor, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, is

Lientenant-General Sir Richard Anderson, 70; Mr Reg Buder, 64; Miss Angua Enters, 70; Mr Val Giegud, 77; Mrs Odente Hallowes, GC, 65; Sir Bernard Shaw, 86.

£20,000 for translation

The United Bible Societies have received a gift of £20,000 to com-

plete the underwriting of the cost of translating the Deuterocanoni-cal books (the Apocrypha) in the modern English version. The gift, from William Collins, the pub-

lishers, was sent as a memorial to the company's chairman, Sir William Collins.

Professor Alan Peacock, of York University, is to move to the Uni-versity College of Buckingham to teach economics and undertake other duties.

Professor's move

Birthdays today

WINDSOR CASTLE

her engagement is announced between James Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Cook, of Grantham, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr K. H. Davison, of Dulwich, London, SE, and of the late Mrs Estelle Davison. April 27: The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Lord Rupert Nevill, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Nice. The Queen was represented by the Earl of Westmorland (Lord In Walting) at the Memorial Service for Dr Kwame Nkrumah (formerly President of Chana)

Dr A. du Vivier and Dr J. Brett Service for or awame retruman (formerly President of Ghana) which was held in St Paul's Cathedral this morning. The Duke of Edinburgh was The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Major Paul du Vivier, RE, and Mrs J. Fosbury, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brett, of Mareufi sur Belle, France.

Mr J. M. H. Grimsdick and Mrs C. L. Richardson The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Grimsdick, of Friera Barnet, London, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. April 27: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening attended a Charity Fashion Show held by the Anglo-Argentine Society, in conjunction with the Argentine Embassy, at 49 Bellerays Source

Walters, of Iver, Buckinghamshire and Dr R. M. Linggood
The engagement is announced
between Michael John, son of Dr
and Mrs D. G. Hudson, of Calico
Rock, Arkansas, United States,
and Rita Margaret, elder daughter
of Mr and Mrs Linggood, of Ealing, London, WS.

Mr G. E. Leiro Craig and Miss M. L. Welby

and Miss M. L. Weiby
The engagement is announced between Gavin. elder son of the late Wing Commander A. J. Laird Craig, DSO, MBE, DFC, AFC, and Mrs Roger Folster, of Wreakedale Cottage, Hoby, Leicestershire, and Mrs Bruno Welby, of 24 Ilchester Place, London, W14.

M A. Nacrour

and Miss S. A. Harington The engagement is announced between Anis, only son of Mme Nacrour, of Besançon, France, and the late M. M. Nacrour, and Susan Alexandra, only daughter of Judge and Mrs J. Harington, of Whitbourne Court, Worcester.

Mr J. A. Stephenson and Miss S. B. Love The engagement is announced between John Angus Stephenson and Susan Barbara Love.

Mr K. McDermott and Miss S. Axelson

The marriage of Mr K. McDermott and Miss Sylvia Axelson will take place at 2 pm and not 3.30 pm as streed in the invitations at the Swedish Church, 6 Harrourt Street, St Marylebone, London.

Royal gift

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have given a donation to the appeal by the London School of Bygiene and Tropical Medicine for £1.25m to modernize its main building in Keppel Street, Bloomsbury, and expend its teaching and research facilities.

Knighthood for judge A knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson on his appointment as a judge of the High Court.

posed the toast of the association. nationale Mr D. G. Turner, president of Carrières nationale des Femmes des Carrières Juridiques held at the House of Commons last night.

Mr E. J. S. Garrett
and Miss G. M. Liewellyn
The marriage took place in the
Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday between Mr Coningsby Club The Coningsby Club entertained Mr James Prior, MP at dinner at the Carlton Club last night. Mr Roger Evans was in the chair. Striveners' Company The Scriveners' Company held their livery dinner at Stationers' Hall last night. The Master, Mr John D. Heal, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr K. F. C.

The marriage took place in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday between Mr Edward James Sutcliffe Garrett, son of the late Mr R. E. Garrett, and of Mrs M. Garrett, of The White House, 257 Samibanks Road, Poole, Dorset, and Miss Gaynor Malet Llewellyn, daughter of Major R. and Lady Honor Llewellyn, of Brynreithin, Ffnir Rhos, Ystrad Meuric, Dyfed. The Right Rev J. R. Richards officiated, assisted by the Rev R. T. J. K. Wood.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her fother, was attended by Douglas and Camilla Lamont, Mark Benka and Flazbeth Faber. Mr John Paravicini was best man. Sheriff A. Colin Cole. The speakers were the Master, the Earl of Perth, First Crown Estate Commissioner. Mr Jack Matson, Master of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company, the Upper Warden, the Renter Warden and the honorary clerk, Mr Desmond V. O'Meara.

£85,000 for

lithographs
By Huon Mallalieu

(estimate £24,000 to £28,000). The Picasso prints are a sequence of 11 states, one previously unrecorded, ranging from a naturalistic to an abstract interpretation of a bull. They came originally from the collection of the artist's mistress, Marie Therèse Walter.

By Kenneth Gosling A unique collection of mineteenth-

A unique collection of mineteenthcentury photographs which the
National Potrait Gallery bought
two years ago for E52,000 may
be broken up.
A conservation report has shown
that the 94 photographs in the
Herschel album taken by Julia
Margaret Comeron, are being
damaged as the pages are turned.
The difficulty is that the pictures
have no borders, and come right
to the edge of the album. Although it is handled only by serious scholars, the collection is

Marriages

Access to Herschel album

photographs stopped

Picasso

Today's engagements The Duke of Kent visits RAF Cosford, 10.50.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, attends gala night, Lakeside Country Club, Frimley, in aid of Arthritis and Rheumatism Club, 8.30.

Club, 8.30.

Exhibition: Jubilee stamps,
National Postal Museum, King
Edward Street, City, 10-4-30.

Lecture: "Responsibility and
government" by Professor
George Jones, London School
of Economics, 5.

Walk: Gbosts of the West End,
meet Embankment Underground,
7.30.

Latest appointments

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has appointed the following members of its general advisory council:
Mrs Jill Abrahams, of Kenshation, Mrs Jill Abrahams, of Kenshation, Mrs Harnar et Chermydo, of Barminion, Mrs Honald Ellott, of Chridge, Mr Leslin Burst, of School, College Mr Leslin College of School, College of School, College of School, College of Charles Roy, a member of West Midlands County Council, and Mrs Shiriey Strong, or Chiselburst Other appointments include.

Other appointments include:
Mr John Hall. Assistant Chief
Constable of Norfolk, to be deputy commandant of the Police College Bramshill House, Hampshire, Professor Sir Hugh Ford, FRS, to be President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Bursary appeal

The total for the sale, which was held in morning and afternoon sessions, was £462,695, with 9i per cent bought in, and strong prices in most areas. A monotype by Degas of a brothel scene, "Le client sérieux", was sold to Maider on behalf of the National Gallery of Canada for £26,000 (estimate £14,000 to £18,000), and a mosotype in black and orange-(estimate £14,000 to £18,000), and a monotype in black and orange-brown by Gaugin, "Tabitienne accrouple", which had been sold for £3,000 in the same rooms in 1960, went to a Swiss dealer for £17,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000). Lady Smith paid £14,000 for "Au Moulin Rouge", a lithograph printed in colours by Toulouse-Lautrec (estimate £15,000 to £16,000). By Huon Mailalieu
The Norton Simon Museum, set up by the Californian multimilitonaire, industrialist and art collector, entered the catrle market at Sotheby's yesterday. In a sale of Old Master and modern prints it paid £85,000 for Picasso's rare set of lithographs "Le Taureau" (estimate £80,000 to £90,000) and £34,000 for Goya's "La Tauromaquia" in the first edition of 36 plates in etching and aquaint, published in 1816 (estimate £24,000 to £28,000). The Picasso prints are a sequence of to £16,000). Sotheby's also sold French

One of the Picasso set of lithographs "Le Taureau", sold at Sotheby's yesterday.

eighteenth-century prints and drawings, making £62,293, with less than 2} per cent unsold. Cailleaux, a dealer from Paris, paid £5,800 for a study in red

becoming dog-cared, the gallery

Professor S. E. Finer and Dr C. J. Jones

Mr R. Illingworth

Dr Catherine Jones of the Unive

and Miss P. Sherrard
The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 27, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, between Mr Robin

Knightsbridge, between Mr Robin Illingworth, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Miles Miles Miles Priscilla Sherrard, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Sherrard. The Rev Donald Harris officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Thomasina Stacey. Mr Clive Hunt was best man.

was best man.
A reception was held at the Berkeley Hotel.

Princess Alice, Countess of Ath-

lone, was represented by Sir

Shaldham Redfern at a memorial

service for Susan Lady Tweeds-muir held in the Grosvenor Chapel vesterday. The Rev D. Thurburn-Huelin officiated. The Hon William Buchan (son) read the lesson and Miss Janet Adam Smith gave an address. Among those present vere:

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Lard and Lady I weedsnith I son and doughter-in-law). Alice the Hon Larly I airrax-Lucy (doughter). The Hon Larly I airrax-Lucy (doughter). The Hon Larly I airrax-Lucy (doughter). The Hon Larly I ames Doughas-Hamilton, MP. And Larly James Doughas-Hamilton. Sir Lard Stewart. House Doughas-Hamilton. Sir James Scott. Sophie Scott. Mr. I an Stewart. Louise Stewart. Louise Stewart. Louise Stewart. Mr. And Stewart. Louise Stewart. Mr. John Buchan, Mr Leward Buchan, Mr James Buchan, Mr Jewander Duchan, Mr and Mrs Andrew Knight, Mr and Mrs David Buchan, Mr Hospander Duchan, Mr and Mrs Andrew Knight, Mr and Mrs David Buchan, Mr and Mrs Levent Portion-Jones. Has Manager Personal Lucidida Decton-Incre. Miss Vera Greenfell, Mr Robert Ceell, Colonel and Mrs Ramas-Falria.

The Righ Commissioner for Caneda.

Memorial service

Susan Lady Tweedsmuir

On Tuesday Christie's continued their series of auctions in Geneva with sales of silver and objects of tirtu. The silver produced £811,154 but with 37 per cent unsold. That was largely accounted for by the failure of a silver-gilt direct service made by I. R. C. Cliner service made by J. B. C. Cilot of Paris for Madame Mère, the mother of Napoleon, which was offered, rather eccentrically on the instructions of the owner, first in individual lots and then as a complete service. The highest successful price of the sale was £34,090 (Sf 150,000), paid by Partridge for a Louis XVI silvergilt tea and coffee service. A Louis XVI silver-gilt ewer and basin fetched £25,000 (Sf 110,000).

The objects of virtu brought £178,011, with 30 per cent bought in. A Louis XV enamelled gold stuff box decorated with men and women engaged in various pastimes made £8,636 (Sf 38,000). chalk of trees at the edge of a wood by Fragonard (estimate f1,500 to £2,500).

A coin and medal sale at Sotheby's produced £58,818, with sold.

BBC to hold TV contest for young musicians By Our Arts Reporter

BBC Television is to begin a nationwide search for the "young murician of the year" in a com-pension carrying 53,000 in cash prizes and guaranteeing television appearances for successful

It is planned eventually to put the collection on display but whether as individual pictures or not is still being considered. Meanwhile access to it has been stopped. Reproductions of the photographs are on display to the public. The competition, which will be The competition, which will be open to both amateur and young professional players, was described by the BBC as the first of its kind to be attempted by television.

There will be four classes: plano, strings, wind and brass. Players must be under 19 by the date of the final next April and must have reached a standard equivalent to a distinction at grade VIII in recognized music examinations. The gallery is holding the album on trust until a national photo-graphic museum is established; in 1975 it was the first photographic item to have an export licence withheld.

tions.

The closing date for entries, which should be sent to the BBC Television Centre in London, is

The marriage took place quietly in Oxford on Wednesday, April 27, of Professor Samuel Edward Finer, of All Souls College, Oxford, and

of young musicians eligible to enter will be about five thousand.

Mr John Menduell, Principal of the Royal Northern College of Music and chairman of the finals jury, said Brimin had previously lacked the right spinulus for the really effect represents. really gifted teenager.

Membership of the Church of Scotland dropped last year by 21,369, bringing the total number of communicants down to 1,020,403. The proportion of members who took Holy Communion at least once during the year was 62 per cent, a drop of 1 per cent on 1975.

The general administration com-

on 1975.

The general administration committee of the church's general assembly in a report issued today, suggests that a start should be snagests that a start should be made on the regardation of the assembly. The committee proposed that the assembly should sit for seven days, instead of the present

Welsh opera for Midlands

Four one-week appearances are to made by the Welsh National Opera Company at the Birmirgham Hip-podrome, from September until June, 1978, as part of a scheme to concentrate more of its touring activities in West Midlands (our

activities in west midiands (our Arts Reporter writes).

The company's plans were announced vesterday after approval in January by West Midlands County Council and the award of

Silver loan for antiques fair

Silver and plate from the eighteenth century have been lent by Bath City Council for the West of England Antique Dealers Fair in Bath from May 10-14.

They form part of a central loan exhibition which also includes charters bestowed on the city from the fourteenth century to the present day.

Church news

Latest appointments include:

Resignations

Canon T. Briggs, Vicar of Holmfirth, diocese of Waterfloid, on July 31. The Rev A. J. M. F. Cordes, Vicar of Appleby, diocese of Lincoln, on Oct 31. Oct 31.

The Rev W. S. Dodd, Viest of St. Paul's, East Ham, diocese of Cheimstord 1 May 31.

The Rev E. L. H. Gordon, Rector of St Mury's, Great Chart, diocese of Canterbury, on Sept 30.

Church in Wales

OBITUARY

MR S. J. CHELVANAYAKAM Leader of Sri Lankan Tamils

Mr Samuel James. Chel group in the elections of 1956 vanayakam, QC, President of when Mr Bandaranaike's Freethe Tamil United Liberation dom Party won a laudslide vic-

Sti Lankan Tamils won him. (non-violent) campaign against acceptance as the leader of the the government of Mrs Bandamiration of the other communities in the island. Mr Chelvansyakam with born in the separate state. Mr Chelvansyakam with born in the separate state. Mr Chelvansyakam with born in the was brought a separate state. Mr Chelvansyakam he was brought a the separate state. Mr Chelvansyakam he was brought a the separate state. Mr Chelvansyakam he was brought a the separate state. Malaya where his father was a businessman. He was brought to Ceylon as a child by his mother and he was educated at St Thomas College, Colombo. In February this year he where the late Premier, Mr began discussions with Mrs Bandaranaike which, if they had been successfully control to the

Bandaranaike, was a contemporary,
After a short period as a
teacher he qualified as a lawyer and took silk in 1947. He
became deputy leader off the
Tamil Congress and fermed
the Federal Party of which he
was elected leader in 1949
after the Indian Tamils in
Coulon were avoided from Ceylon were excluded from citizenship by two citizenship Acts. He and several members

From, who died in Jaffna on April 26 at the age of 79, commanded a wider following among the Sri Lankan Tamils than any other Tamil politician of the post-independence of period.

Slim, frail ascetic, he was a to unilaterally abrogate the Christian (most Tamils are pact and there were disastrous Hindus) but his sincerity, communal riots in the followintegrity and single-minded devotion to the cause of the Sri Lankan Tamils won him

had been successfully con-cluded, would have led to the dropping of the Tamil demand for a separate state. But the discussions had to be suspended when Mr Chelvanavakam fell ill last month. Mr Chelvanavakam setted as a sobering and restraining influence on the Tayrik and this fluence on the Tamils and this is likely to be remembered as his greatest service to his of his party were defeated in country in the first three the general elections of 1952 decades of his island's history but they emerged as the biggest after independence.

MR WILLIAM HOLT

Mr William Holt, the Yorkshire author, has died at the ness earned him the friendship age of 80. His books included on H. G. Wells, G. B. Shaw, novels, The Weaver's Knot (1956), The Wizard of Whirlaw (1959); and some well-known travel books, Under a Japanese lion. One day he saw a horse parasol (1933), I Haven't Unpubling a carr through Todpacked (1939), I Still Haven't morden, Billy's home town in Unpacked (1953) and Trieger Yorkshire. The horse seemed travel books, Under a Japanese Parasol (1933), I Haven't Unpacked (1933), I Still Baven't morden, Billy's home town in Unpacked (1953) and Trigger Yorkshire. The horse seemed in Europe (1966), He was a sunhappily blinkered bewell-known broadcaster, partitudent the carry shafts as he cularly between 1940 and 1950. At the age of 12, he went to work in a cotton mill. He raught himself languages, writing the exercises in the dust in order to free both of them; raught himself languages, writing the exercises in the dust in order to free both of them; and together they made the iourney described in Trigger that fell upon the machines and mouthing the words in the noise of the looms. During the Depression he was imprisoned Hargraves to Sir John Cockfor his protests against the Means Tests; and from his cell noise of the looms. During the Depression he was imprisoned for his protests against the Means Tests; and from his cell he fought for election to the local council, eventually becoming a Communist councillor. He later resigned from the Communist Party because it hampered his vision. He tra-

typical of him that he pub-lished books and travelled on horseback over the moors to distribute them through his own circulating library. Full of the Communist Parry because it hampered his vision. He travelled through Russia shortly after the Revolution, and was a correspondent for Kemsley spent his last years in Tod-Newspapers in the Spanish morden, continuing until he Civil War. His work, his deter-

DR KATHLEEN HUGHES

Professor Dorothy Whitelock college and was an active

well as a great grief to her She was innumerable friends. Her work

She was a student at Bedford College, London (1944-51) and an assistant lecturer at Royal Director of Studies at Newn-ham College, Cambridge, and held these positions until her death. She was university lec-turer in the Early History and Fewer in Church of the British Isles from 1958 until 1976, when she was elected the first Nora chadwick Reader in Celtic Study of the early Irish Church. She wrote with lucidity, liveliness and wit. These qualities also stood her in good chadwick Reader in Celtic Study of the early Irish Church. She wrote with lucidity, liveliness and wit. These qualities also stood her in good chadwick Reader in Celtic Study of the early Irish chadwick Reader in Celtic Study of the early Irish chadwick Reader in Celtic Study of the early Irish chadwing the writing for a genobtained the Cambridge degree of Doctor of Letters in

an excellent lecturer and an receive an honorary doctor, to inspiring teacher. She played a of the National University of full part in the running of her Ireland.

rrites: member of several learned The death on April 20, at societies. She enjoyed social the age of 50, of Dr Kathleen life; she had a great sense of Winifred Hughes is an irrepar-bumour and was an excellent able loss to Celtic studies as raconteur.

Her work is admired for its originality, for the range and depth of its learning, and for its fairmindedness. Among Holloway College (1951-55), many valuable studies, she is She then became a Fellow and best known for two books, The Church in Early Irish Society (1966), and Early Christian Ireland: Introduction to the

Sources (1972), works which the Department of Anglo-She has died at a time when Saxon, Norse, and Celtic. She her achievement was rapidly obtained the Cambridge receiving the appreciation it delivered the Hunter Marshall

receiving the appreciation it deserved. She had recently She had great vitality, lectures in Glasgow, and was known in her last ten years preparing the Wiles Lectures She had great vitumes.

Although in her last ten years preparing the Wites Lectures she had some serious illnesses, for delivery in Belfast in 1978, which would have resulted in a which would have resulted in a heavy teaching load. She was about to travel to Dublin to

Lord Todd writes:

Graham Wilson was a striking example of a man who
essential to a career such as his. was simultaneously and sucresearch scientist, the toler-ance and wisdom of the good educator and the warmth and humanity without which the successful practice of medicine is impossible. When, as in him, these qualities were allied to a

was coloured by his vision of the future of medicine and especially of general practice. His contribution to the work of the Commission was vitally important and will be increasingly appreciated as medical practice develops further along the lines he predicted. The tragedy is that he could not live to see the fulfilment of his vision either in this matter or

MRS GRACE LOVAT FRASER Sir Anthony Hooper writes:

on April 3, was the widow of Claud Lovat Fraser, the highly talented artist and best known as designer of The Beggar's in 1921. Grace was somebody of

splendid vitality and enthusiasm and until her last illness, per-ennially youthful—she had a love of young people which was reciprocated. For most of her life she carved out her own career; this included professional singing, designing of costumes and the making of them (notably for Serge Diaghiley and the D'Oyly Carte Opera Co), textile design, expertise in plastics and manage ment of design for Schweppes.

She was a friend of Tamara Karsavina, Ezra Pound, D. H. Lawrence and Ford Madox Ford and several others, Her

charming book in the Days of

My Youth appeared in 1970.

WYNN The Hon Rowland Wynn,

Grace Loyar Fraser who died CBE, Chief Engineer of the BBC 1952-60, died on April 24 at the age of 79. The younger son of the Hon

Opera; he died tragically young C. H. Wynn and uncle of the seventh Baron Newborough, he was educated at Uppingham and Trinity Hall, Cambridge and served in the First World War in the RFC and RAF.

> Marconi Company's experimental establishment at Writtle, Essex, from 1922 to 1926 and then joined the BEC as herd of engineering information. He advanced through the senior engineering posts at the LEC becoming deputy chief engineer in 1943 and chief engineer in 1952. In 1949-50 he was chairman of the radio section of the Institution of Electrical Engin-

daughter of A. E. Smith-Thomas.

ORIEL AND ST ANNE'S COLLEGES.
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Cambridge Election and awards: KING'S COLLEGE Enrish Student-ship on the nomination of the President of Yale University to S. A. C. Drake. MAGDALENE COLLEGE. Fellowship belast B from April 1 and appointed butter and steward from October 1; D. J. H. Murphy, MA.

St Andrews Professor F. D. Gunstone has been appointed vice-principal for four years from October 1.

Abtrieen
A mane of 2106,700 over five years
has been made by the Scottish Home 25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, April 28, 1952 Independence for Japan

From Our Diplomanic Correspondent Japan resumes her status as an independent and sovereign power today, on the eve of the Emperor firehito's birthday. After a brief cremony in Washington this after-mon President Truman will issue a proclamation beloging to a formal close America's state of war with farm and the percentrally. with Japan and the peace reaty with Japan then comes into force.

Powers, which has been gradually would up in recent months in order to give the Japanese Government greater freedom of action, is formally ended, and the military occupation must cease altogether within 90 days. Under an arrangement within 90 days. Under an arrangement within 90 days. ment made between Japan and the United States, American forces United States, American forces will continue to be stationed in and around Japan, though the removal of most of General Ridgway's United Nations headquarters, aiready well under way, from Tokyo to Camo Zama, about 20 miles outside the capital, will serve to underline to the Japanese public their country's resumption of sovereign independence.

Royal Regiment of Fusiners, and presented efficiency awards at Fusilier House, Balham, last night. Major C. A. Bewley, officer companding, welcomed the guests. Among those present were Brigadier A. J. Woolford, Lieutemant. Colonel J. R. A. Daniel and Captain P. L. Beardow-Carlyon.

and Health Department to the health London Dr D. K. Peters, kiB, BCh, reade; in noedicine at 4 is Royal Posspaduate Medical School, has been appointed to the chair of medicine from October 1.

Award and elections:
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D. Rushworth MA. (DUP. Parist,
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Iron, 1978) KING'S COLLEGE Grants:

Grants:

From Science Research Comment:
\$10,000 to Professor M. Hart, 10
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corrections by X-ray interferometry:
\$10,194 to Professor E. A. Bell, 10
support research in unusual plant
smino acids to to man and animals.
From Medical Research Commit
\$16,405 to Professor P. F. Baker, for
studies on the regulation of intraceliular calcium in nerve cells.

Wales UWIST UWIST
READERS Dr A. D. Russell (pharmacy); Dr R. T. Waters (physics, electronics and elecarical engineering).
SENIOR LECTURERS: Dr Dr R. Cox farchiecture; S. W. Stewart (law):
T. J. Williams (mechanical engineering and engineering production), D. K.

LECTURER: R. A. Estiam, optometry. Professor R. L. Wain, PhD, DSc, DAgric Sci, FRS, has been appointed honorary professor of chemistry.

Warwick Sir Arthur Vick is to succeed Sir Stanley Harley as chairman of council and will be an additional pro-chancellor.

From today onwards the effective administration of Japan by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, which has been gradually ment Research Council. The need to improve understanding of climatic changes, because droughts climatic changes, because aroughts produce crop failures and cold fincreases demand on energy resources, is recognized in advice on the type of support that should be given to "applied and world climatology" In the first report a group of cademic, industrial and governacademic, industrial and government scientists argue that the climate has to be regarded as an acconomic resource. The sun pro-

Science report Climatology: Vital field for research

More support for research in energy is converted into foodapplied climatology, which has suffs.

Rainfall supplies all the water needed for agriculture, industry of energy, has been urged in two reports to the Natural Environment Research Council The need and of the annual rainfall is many research Council The need manipulated by water engineers. and domestic use, yet only about a tenth of the annual rainfall is manipulated by water engineers.

The climate of a hillside or a valley may be a critical factor in Economic effects are irreversible. valley may be a critical factor in determining whether the land should be used for agriculture, horriculture, forestry, urban deve-lopment or recreation. Yet in the past scant regard has been paid to that aspect, with continuing discomfort for many.

Climatic change can damage or destroy a resource. Although Brimin escapes the more extreme forms of climatic bazard, crises economic resource. The sin provides all the energy needed for forms of climatic hazard, crises
the growth of farm crops and frequently occur: shortage of
forests, productivity of British
water or floods; destruction of
farmland is among the highest in fruit crops by frost or spoiling of
the world, yet in terms of effitiency only 1 per cent of solar
heavy rain; disruption of transport

Expenditure on this subject in universities has not kept pace with inflation. Against this back-ground of obvious need for an understanding of climatic change, projects in applied meteorology and climatology have received less favourable treatment than they deserve. Indeed, an impression is widespread that applications for support are unlikely to be con-sidered on their merits and have slender chances of success. By Pearce Wright Science Editor

The Rev P. Jameson, team vicar of St Mark's, Nolling Hill, diacese of St Mork's, Nolling Hill, diacese of London, to be Vicar of St Clave's, Woodhe ty Down, same diocuse.

The Rev D. C. Sherwood, Vicar of St Barnabas's, Nottingham, diacese of Southwell, to be Vicar of St Mork's, Newcasile-under-Lyme, diocese of Lich-Heid.

Canterbury, on Sept 30.

The Rev F. J. Mace, Vicar of Wadworth and Loversall, diocese of Sheilfeld, in September.

The Rev E. H. Roberts, Roctor of High Laver with Mandairn Laver held with Morelon with Little Laver diocese of Chelmsford June 301.

The Rev G. S. Smith, Rector of Greal Hallingbury, diocese of Chelmsford July 311.

The Rev H. D. Woolcott, Vicar of Castwood, diocese of Chelmsford (September 301.

The Rev D. Isaac. Provincial Youth Chaplain, has been appointed Vicar of Pontardaws, discuss of Swanses and

dies. She made a great contri-bution to the development of eral public.

PROFESSOR GRAHAM WILSON

It was this combination of cessfully a scientist, an edu-qualities which made him outcator and a practising physi-tee of the Nuffield Foundation cian. The combination is not and earlier as a member of the unique but it is rare for it Royal Commission on Medical demands at once the imagina- Education. Graham Wilson's tive analytical approach of the approach to medical education sense of humour and an essential gaiety of spirit it is not surprising that his services and advice were so widely sought. That they could be so freely given owed much to his in the many imaginative pro-devoted wife—also a physician jects he initiated through the ac ! their children who to-Nuffield Foundation.

HON ROWLAND

He was an engineer at the

eers. He married in 1943 Eleanor, Farewell Grace; you will leave a gap in all our lives.

NEW BOOKS

Muted clarions

The Ascent of Britain By Peter Walker

(Sidgwick & Jackson, £5.50) A wise man of publishing once said that if a book was to be really worth publishing it ought to be possible to say in two sentences what it was all really about. Mr Walker's offering does not pass that rigorous

One is made to feel that the book is intended as a major statement of political philosophy by a political man of action who for the moment is in something of a political wilderness. Yet the mixture book is rather a jumble of summarized conservative philosophy from Burke to Churchill, an gratingly self-indulgent record and achievements of of the 1970-74 government, laced with anecdotes of the "and-as-it-turned-out-I-was-indicate a fair degree of

with industry, decaying inner cities, racial tension and the of the party.

If Mr Walker had heeded the

wise man's advice, he might have written a book which was clearly a contemporary manifesto for a radical Tory. In that context what he wrote might have had more cohesion and impact. For it is clear that in a broad sense he is one of the prominent figures of experience in the Conservative party who thinks of themselves as the political inheritors of the ideas expressed in Harold ideas expressed in Harold Macmillan's The Middle Way. And despite his obeisances toard the Burkean traditions of change by steady evolution, when it comes to specifics his instincts are to get on and get things done by means, if neces-

sary, of radical change.

His individual radical programmes are bound to be taken as a clarion call for those sec-tions of the party which have not yet come to terms with the present leadership. On economic policy he is an out and out advocate of growth, "for only economic strength will enable Britain to eliminate the poverty

Hugh Stephenson that still exists in our country.

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and to patronize generously the arts and cultural activity, so providing a better and fuller life for all". He finesses en-tirely the question of inflation and the probems that some others think that this poses for

macro-economic policy.

Unrepentantly, he repeats
his view that this country must move towards greater active co-operation between industry and government, drawing on his experiences as a minister, his negotiations with the Shah of Iran and the assumed reasons for the industrial success of Germany, France and Japan. He avers that his monthly exchange wilderness. Yet the mixture of letters with the then chair-that emerges falls short of the implied prospectus. For the sort of way in which economic performance can be achieved. On the larger scale he calls for " industrial parliament " goa very partial and at times ing far beyond the aspirations

existing Neddy council. His comments on planning agreements indicate a fair degree of symright" variety, and quite pathy with the concept, though specific policy programmes in naturally he objects to the areas like government relations manner and spirit in which they are presently being negotiated. Radical changes of this sort development of the corporate states, which firmly establish things, provide the expanding Mr Walker on the liberal wing economy and job opportunities that are needed to solve the underlying problems of black population and of our inner cities. In tone and in substance the Walker manifesto is very different to such policy statements as The Right

Approach. erhaps the most interesting insight comes out of Mr Walker's references to Joseph Chamberlain in the course of his review of the Tory Tradi-

tion.
He wanted to transform the Con-He wanted to transform the Con-servative Party from a party of sound administration and cautious, ameliorative reform into one with a positive and dynamic creed. The creed would avoid the dangers of class conflict inherent in the Con-servatism of the market economy. Chamberlain's policy was one of class harmony, both worker and capitalist whike were held to have a stake in Britain's prosperity. The warmth of these and other passages on a man who other passages on a man who was never really accepted by the Conservative leadership of his day somehow seem to have

Hugh Stephenson

Bismarck's Jewish connexion what the Jews really were doing

Bismarck, Bleichröder and the Building of the German Empire By Fritz Stern

(Allen and Unwin, £11.50) Gerson Bleichröder was the richest man in Berlin and, perhaps bar Krupp, the richest in Germany. He took care that the world should see this was so his caviare was regularly shipped direct from the Caspian-and through his skill, intelligence. and discretion not only became Bismarck's personal banker, but his confidant, agent and Court Jew. He was almost the last in that Central European line of Hofjuden, brilliant entrepreneurs never fully accepted by their adoptive societies, but exercising an enormous and often dynamic influence on them from just inside the outer

"Through Bleichröder", said Bismarck in one of his few recorded acknowledgments of the Jew's existence. accustomed to receive important political news from Paris or St Petersburg usually eight days earlier than through my ambassadors." One can imagine how the diplomats must have felt about that, but Bleichröder's father had risen to prominence as Berlin agent for the exacting Rothschilds and Gerson inherited not merely a great bank but an international network of political and economic information. Government and business shared the same interests. though it was business rather than Government which saw the connexion first.

The Bleichröder Bank and Palace were at Behrendstrasse 60, a two-minute walk from Bismarck's office, and the two men often mer daily when the Chancellor was in Berlin. Rarest of honours, Bleichröder was also invited to stay on Bismarck's estates in the country, which made him the Chancellor's Hausfreund. There seems to have been a word in German for every conceivable social and political relationship, and most of them could sound unpleasant when the rin tide of Prussian standing-he tells it well, envy and invective turned, as it did after the crash of 1874, again when Bismarck ditched his liberal allies in 1879 and, worst of all, in 1884. The " new " anti-semitism, Fritz Stern reminds us, was based not on contempt, but on fear.

worse, were they becoming pers and balls described in the more successful Germans than the Germans themselves? This very important and of Adolph von Menzel. Most of world, so it becomes of the highly enjoyable book, which all, of course, Bleichröder's role greatest importance to know

You can win

Running!

By Maxie Lane



Gerson von Bleichröder in the 1850s.

seems to have been almost has gone unrecorded because slipped into this country, is the first full-length study ever made of Gerson Bleichröder-Stern ckons there have been 7,000 books about Bismarck-and makes use of much material never used before. Stern has a marvellous story to tell and-a few heavy Americanisms and ramer more repetitions notwith-

Why have we had to wait so long? Partly because the Bleichröder Archive remained in family hands, and was then thought to have disappeared in the war; and partly because the link between Government and Had the Israelites corrupted Finance was often social, ephemthe victor of Versailles? Or, eral, effected at the great supsharp novels of Theodore Fon-tane and the glittery paintings

Fiction

between 1893 and 1945 the lewish commexion was almost written out, first by those who had benefited from it, led by Bismarck himself in his highly selective memoirs, and later by Nazis whose hysterical claims created a climate precluding all calm inquiry. Since 1945 feelings have be-

come even finer and the slaughter of six million Jews has deterred investigation into even the most faintly secretive dealings by their more fortunate ancestors. This is dangerous. Since anti-Semitism, particularly the late 19th century strain imbibed by Hitler and Alfred Rosenberg, was partly founded on the pseudo-theory that the Jews were "taking over" Ger-many and after Germany the

The Golden Honevcomb is the

story of a princely Indian fam-

under what I always think of as that perpenual Edwardian sunshine that first nourished

cional experience of the place.

The princely hero is almost wholly anglicized. The woman

he loves, who is not his wife (and is brilliantly charac-terized) is a determined non-

anglophile. And there is the

tension-in context of story,

I have one or two reserva-

tions about the anachronistic

use of what I'd call modern British slang (eg spin-off; get-ting your greens) but far out-weiging them, there is, towards

the end a marvellously felt,

heard, and observed conversa-

tion between a sabib and a memsahib. For once in a novel

by an Indian, the British presence is illuminated in a way

that commands admiration as

well as recognition. But the closing post-First World War sections, dealing with the rise

of Indian nationalism, are in my view, over-compressed.

I hope, very much, that Miss Markandaya will be en-

couraged to explore further this rich material she has dis-

psychology and history.

put it down.

buy off him and so achieve a vital nationalization which Bismarck did not believe possible by more direct means. He was always on hand to take over politically embarrassing and personally infuriating problems like Ludwig of Bavarig or the Romanians: Bismarck was a violent, hating and quick-temp-ered man, and Bleichröder took pains. (His enemies considered him servile.) Above all, he managed, and helped enormously to increase, Bismarck's private wealth. The Chancellor left around seren million marks

in the years when these feelings, at first spontaneously, arcse. Gold and Iron does this better than any book I have

Money could go where poli-

ties would not Bleichröder's role in raising the loans which

Parliament refused Bismarck

for the three early wars he needed to establish the Empire

and defeat his opponents at

home was crucia; without

those loans and those wars, it

is doubtful that Bismarck could have survived as far as

1870. After the Franco-Prussian

war Bismarck summoned the

banker to Versailles to organize

ever read.

but, again, Professor Stern does well to remind us that in the nineteenth century profit was not, in itself, considered to compromise the integrity of power losing money was for power. Losing money was far more disgraceful and so the trees from Bismarck's forests made pit-props for the Ruhr. Without himself taking a Marxist line, Stern allows

implicitly defines his book as a drama of hypocrisy and High Capitalism. The pragmatic Realpolitik, of which we all read at school, turns out not merely to embrace personal feelings—Bismarck detested Gladstone, for example—but personal interests, too. In all of personal interests, too. In all of this there was no "Jewish" influence at all. It was plain Junker cuming, displayed by Prince Bismarck every day of his life, and the perfect complement to Gerson Bleichröder's Jewish skill. "Bleichröder's Stern claims, "is everything that has been left out of German history", and he richly makes good that claim throughout this long, dense and absorbing book.

Michael Ratcliffe

The Painter of Signs, by R. K. Narayan (Heinemann, £3.50) Kolonialagent, by Robert Brain (Faber, £3.95) such circumstances the path of love is peppered with pitfalls. Shadows on our Skin, by Jennifer Johnston (Hamish Hamilsubtle, vivid and thoroughly congenial novel. It is also

"I used to be the most sen-sible person known at one time. ily and is set chiefly in the sible person known at one time. years that led up to the first Full of good sense, logic, reaworld war. It glows, glitters, son. I could talk the most irrason. I could talk the most irrational person back into sense", laments the lovesick hero of sunshine that first nourished The Painter of Signs after los-and then embalmed our own ing his heart to a fair but ideas of India: but there are frigid embodiment of the viroften thought by the vertice darker moods here which are tues he claims to admire. Set teenth century traveller's ular writers to be unpatriotic, wholly Indian and provoke in in his fictional city of Malgudi, journal. Set in German erosive of a real Indian liter—me, anyway an exciting sense R. K. Narayan's new novel is Cameroon, it describes the graary tradition. My own view is of a new but controlled emo- an ironic but deeply sympa- dual disintegration of a colonthetic study of the contrasting claims of the heart and the head, in which a fatalistic acceptance of life, with all its untidiness and absurdity, is set

> Raman is a young, bustling eaten rare editions and a burnof Reason in a world dominated by people like his aunt, with tic virtues are as nothing to

that: which is one way of saying I recommend this book, complete in itself, but complete in the right way. It goes on in the mind, after you have

ing book.

ton, £3.50)

sign-painter with a taste for reading the classics in worming desire to establish the Age her unshakeable addiction to astrology and the soothing rituals of her religion. But nemesis is at hand in the svelte form of Daisy, a high-minded lady for whom marriage, children and the domestics. the all important business of compelling others to do right.

Daisy is, alas, unimpressed by Raman's mounting passion that for her, and irritated by his e en-amiable weakness for jokes. orther She spends her days delivering s dis-angry lectures on birth control to unrepentant villagers, who nod politely and do otherwise: Raman plods along behind her, painting admonitory slogans on walls and arguing half-hearme. tedly in Daisy's defence with local sages, whose eyes are firmly fixed on eternity. In

extremely funny: like Paul Theroux and V. S. Naipaul, Mr Narayan has a faultless ear for the intricate eccentricities of Indian English, and the dia-logue is a joy in itself.

against an imparient, dessi-cated and ultimately futile rationality.

Crime

Last Movement By Joan Aiken (Gollancz, £3.95)

The great majority of crime books are written with an evi-dent purpose. Some are so seriously determined to improve us readers that they are hardly distinguishable from the most moral novels. Others have theses to pursue, whether large (such as showing us what a rotten world it is) or partic-ular (PR for a police force; anti-PR against the CIA). Yet more aim to tell us about some area of life which the author happens to know. Others patently seek brightly to amuse, and some few still plan simply to puzzle us for our pleasure. But there are others that exist purely to be enjoy-

They are, oddly, precious few. But precious they cer-tainly are. And Joan Aiken here has produced for us a beauty. Enjoyment rises up from every one of its 250 pages. Not that she despises the qualities that are enough for many another crime-writer. Yes, she has a puzzle. Her delightful stage-designer heroine learns that there is a terrible secret concerning the father she had believed dead,

we had in our hand. And, yes, there is that lacing of learning that was really enough for many a respected derective novelist of yesterday, with a splendid bonus in a narrative method borrowed from Bleak House, lopsided yet marvellously effective there as here.

energetically interested in its life, so human about it, that what from other pens might well be tiresome holiday garcommonsensical, feminine, intelligent, sensitive heroine (but would she be both stage-manager and designer, even in a very minor provincial theatre?) Who cares? Here is a pleasure of a book.

One Man's Meat, by Colin Watson (Eyre Methuen, £3.50). How stimulating to be back in the world of Flaxborough where murder and misbehaviour inevitably mix. Provincial pretensions quietly and uniquely

Laidlaw, by William McIlvanney (Hodder & Stoughton, £3.95). Portrait of a policeman and, more, a concerned pan-orana of a city, Glasgow with all her warts. Deeply understood people, fine (too fine?) descriptive writing.

Eating the Big Fish, by William Rayner (Collins, £3.50). Israeli activists kidnap American super-

scientist at Oxford. Notable for sympathy with which all characters are seen, hunters, hunted, even CIA.

The Pretty Pink Shroud, by Elizabeth Ferrars (Collins, £2.95). Was there murder after the charity dance? Low-key but thoroughly intriguing puzzle, and tart pointing-out that sex does not always equal bliss.

The Marriage Bureau Murders, by John Bingham (Macmilian, £3.25). Nasty warches nastier stalking female prey. Spurns novelist's stand-by, depth of characterisation, in favour of inexorable twisting storyline and it pays off.

The Terrorists, by Sjowall and Wahloo, translated by Joan Tabe (Gollancz, £4.20). Thinking-man's policeman Beck counters Stockholm assassins amid sociologising a-gogo relieved by passages of grotes-que humour. Plenty for pon-

Dragon's Eye, by Jennie Mel-(Macmillan, Brilliant actress in bud, empty house on island, mystery figures, instant head-over-heelscription of the mighty Northants gale of 1976 to a complex case satisfyingly solved. Good solid

H. R. F. Keating

Life long passion

The Operas of Mozart By William Mann

(Cassell, £15) Mozart's operas are a big subthat it is big. There are far more operas by Mozart than our wretched repertories take account of, and many people still resemble Joseph II who thought Die Entführung aus dem Serail was Mozart's first opera. Even those who know it wasn't may be surprised to realize it was his twelfth. In Mr Mann's book each of

Betulia Liberata, receives a chapter of musical and textual payment of the French indemanalysis. There is, I think, no Eleichröder later bought modern book as comprehensive in its coverage. Much labour up the German railways, line line, for the Government to must have gone into it, and Mr Mann is probably at his happiest. discussing Mozart's choice of keys or indicating some purely musical point (often enough illustrated by clearly drawn examples). A good deal of not always easily available information is provided, to form what the author describes as what the author describes as "strictly a guide", to help newcomers. Mr Mann assumes that the Mozart revival of the last 20 years has already "bought [sic] into common appreciation" an early operatike Mitridate, h is just because that has not happenedbecause that has not happened (the opera is rarely staged and not commercially recorded) that the concept behind Mr. Mann's book is welcome. Amid much recent, often perceptive study of the more famous operas, there exists no up-to-date survey of them all, giving due space to the earlier ones.
E. J. Dent (whose book is here carelessly called a "classic") described the truly affecting Lucio Silla as "mediocra" and Marxist views their place and nor even as good as Mitridate, dismissed by him in under a page. Mr Mann offers 20 to 30 pages on each, and is briefly stirred to near-eloquence by Lucio Silla.

For most of the time, his method of detailed idiosyncratic musical description (* a rapid-scale vocal melisma, one bar only, a rising orchestral scale (Mannheim mini-rocket)"), plus exhaustive narration of plot in a style half-chatty and half-stilted, is likely to confute any namentary and to confuse any newcomer and is certainly dispiriting. Little sense of Mozart's artistic personality emerges, and still less any explanation of why opera obsessed him.
One basic trouble is the

embarrassingly jaunty, one-of-the-boys prose which stoops to the coyness of "Father Leo-

The Pointer of Signs is a

Dialogue is in understanda-

bly short supply in Robert

Brain's Kolonialagent, which is

written in the form of a nine-

Cameroon, it describes the gra-dual disintegration of a colon-

ial agent taken captive by the

Bangwa tribesmen amongst

whom he has come to barter

for labourers and collect masks

Gustav Conrau is very much a

man of his time, taking regular

exercise every morning, anxiously recording the state

of his bowels, changing for

dinner in his native hat every

evening. As his own servants slowly drift away and he finds

crack.
It takes time to get into

Kolonialagent, but the effort is well worth while: it is an impressive and highly original first novel. The details of

Bangwa life are fascinating in themselves (Robert Brain is an

anthropologist who has worked

in Cameroon), and the period

flavour is utterly convincing. Tribalism of a different kind

raises its head in Shadows on our Skin, which is set in present-day Ulster. The Logac family live in the Cambolic area

of Derry. Dad is a self-pitying

es that escape has e impossible; and his self-control begins to

himself entirely isolated,

realizes

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pold" (for Mozart's father) and signals its no honsense artitude by facetious, would be trendy idious or joky com-ments: the heroes of the opense serie are "goody-goodies", Ida ject, and one of the few sat-isfactory aspects of this book is fun?, and Constanze and Bel-that it is big. There are farmonre facing death are a "sui-cide squad". The supernacide squad". The supernaturally solemn moment of Meprane's intervented in Idomeneo is sout-up by sking.

"Did the High Prior press a button?" We don't approach Shakespeare's plays like this, so why should Morre prisingly, no consistent view is gained of characters like the Countess in Figure or Fiordilies in Cost: and when Mr the operas, including the unfinished ones and the oratorio ligi in Cosi; and when Mr Mann boasts his unfashionableness in finding the librero of the latter the least theatrical, most human and frank of those written for Mozart by da Ponte, one wonders what can be his idea of fashion. Aprovos their collaboration on Don Giovanni we learn that the two men "probably regarded their work as ephemerally as today

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any journalist does ". Contributing to the unsettled atmosphere revealed by that remark is a constant drizzle of minor but silly cultural errors. (ranging from mistaking the bridge of Cocytus for that of Horatius Cocles to crediting Tasso with Orlando) and a heavy shower of mistranslations and murilations of Italian libretti (which the majority of Mozart's operas have). Since no composer paid more attentoon that Mozart to the meaning of what he was setting the howiers are more painful than funny—though perhaps an exception could be made for Mr Mann's translating the bab-bling brook ("ruscello gar-rulo") in the peaceful country serring of Il Rè Pastore as a "busy noise". The penalty for not following the exact words (something the author words (something the author specifically claims he does throughout) is paid in discussing the familiar Figaro-Susanna duet, "Se a creo Madama", where the Count's low-roned bell is said to sound for Susanna, to join him in his room. What she actually sings is that the Count will arrive a mia porta (her room, chosen to be such by the

And there we may leave Mr Mann, though not without mentioning a real discovery of his: a "coarsely comic" musi-cal bir in Susanna's last act aria, which resembles "the Australian phrase about A rar up a drainpipe"." Carry on, Mozart.

Michael Levey

semi-invalid who lies in bed drinking stout and wheering his way through rousing rebel songs; Mum drudges all day in the kitchen; young Joe is a dreamy, likable lad whose sole ambition is to be a poet. Like his mother, Joe is essentially apolitical, concerned only that the bombings and shootings should one day stop: yet he finds he cannot escape from deep-rooted loyalties when his brother Brendan returns from England and joins the provisionals, and he himself strikes up a friendship with a schoolteacher whose fiance is a Bri-

Jennifer Johnston's writing is as fluent and attractive as ever, but there is something rather tired and predictable for museums back in Germany. about Shadows on our Skin; and the central relationship berween Joe and the teacher is a sadly unconvincing, replete with slightly wer dialogue of the kind one all too often asso-ciates with the "Sensitive" kind of povel.

Jeremy Lewis

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JUST PUBLISHED - THE NEW PEOPLES OF THE SEA

(Macmillan £4.95) This is one man's story. G Windus, £4.95). course it is most vividly biased for Maxie Lane was poor, parent-less, a rebel, a big boy

and strong physically. A poor man's Errol Flynn: his own Running is a book to give heart to the rebels, wherever they are. To borstal boys, hustlers and run aways: take eart: find hope from these You can win. Some do The bastards do not always succeed in grinding you

down. Like so many rebel stories it is marvellously written, powerful and exciting to read of a life lived to the full and told now with such style.
If it were a novel Running might be lost on the shelves of adventure, but Macmillan publishing this book cover it

with quotes of praise from Laurie Lee, John Wain, and the author of Akenfield. It is almost too much to take and so over-written at times it irritated me-This is a description of Maxie's father who was an Irish

He smelt of horse, which is better than smelling like factory or house, and kept a close watch on cloud formation, wind direction and sniffing delicate for portent

Like a poem it is-this description from his childhood in the Bristol slums: it beats Archie Hill's autobiography from the

Black Country. The river changes colour on its stagnant crawl, picking up sulphur and lead blue from the riverbank factories, and fatty yellows from the tameries. Dogs in sacks float gaseous. Cats with splky fur drift face-up, and grin sharp. Barges ripple them out to dry on the elephant-skinned banks.

It is very rich writing, of a kind now out of fashion. He makes artistic allusions to Dante spectrums, mushroom complexions, a Hogarth audience, "a black Dali tree stands centre of the tip". He can be earthy as D. H. Lawrence at his worst. He writes as if with a palette knife—and I liked it. The characters are fully drawn. Maxie had a mentor in a tramp, who taught him litera-ture "a passion for ships and tolerance for mankind". The native women of St Philip's Marsh, thinking the tramp a dicty old man who had interfered with one of their daughters dragged him from his cave and beat his resticles to pulp. His stories change from borrific to tender with the swiftness, and tension, of a cyclone. The appalling brutality of working class life. Explosive masturbating. His first experiences with women. Devouring. The betrayals. The bullying of the young by their "betters". And so to late teenage violence, in a gang of three and on his own, mugging drunken sailors in Portsmouth, lifting wallets,

joining the army, deserting. The story ends in 1940. A biographical note on the dustracket tells us Maxie is now a sculptor and wood carver, living with his family, in Hampshire. A success?—or do we send flowers for a rebel who failed? I want to know more

and, when at last we learn it, by golly, it triumphantly trumps every ace we believed Ray Gosling

The Golden Honeycomb, by Kamala Markandaya (Chatto &

Indian novelists who choose to write in English have been under pressure in their own country for some time because the use of the language is that English is an Indian lan-guage even if it cannot be shown to have a regional or geographical connexion.

A year or so ago, though, an Indian critic helpfully pointed out that no Indian novelist writing in whatsoever language had yet humped the burden of telling the full story of their country's long experience of living with and under the Bri-tish. The idea that one of them must presently do so is much in the air; and perhaps here, at last, there are signs that the job has begun to be tackled.

That is one point to make; the other is to note the inthe other is to note the in-teresting emergence, since independence, of Indian women writers, of whom Kamala Markandaya is one I have particularly had my eye on because her range has turned out to be wide, which suggests the right kind of creative restlessness. Suddenly, with her ninth novel, she comes up with one that places her without question in the front rank, in my opinion. It is a long, but compelling, book. To make it part of a big one, in a Tolstoyan sense, it needs at least one sequel, which I imagine she has the capacity

and staming to prowl round and then pounce at and bring home to us. I look forward to

covered, invented, turned up, touched with her finger-tips. I want to know what happens next, and what it was really like, for the prince, in 1947. Only she can tell me.

> There is even, 100, a travel background, pitfall for many a current crime hand. Here it is Rhodes (nicely called Den-dros), but Miss Aiken is so nerings proves simply engrossing, seen as it is through the eyes of her heart warmingly

savaged.

ing. Could you ask more? A crifle extra plausibility perhaps. Hearts Ease in Death, by James Fraser (Barrie & Jenkins, £3.95). From a fine full-out des-

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State freight body cuts losses by £15m, page 24

THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

From a Special Correspondent Geneva, April 27 Crédit Suisse shares surged back on

the Zurich stock exchange today, taking some of the heat out of Switzerland's

The psychological gamble of the offer of a standby credit of 3,000m Swiss francs (abour £690m) seemed to be paying off with an increase in investors' confidence. Credit Suisse bearer shares recovered about half the 10 per cent they lost on

about half the 10 per cent they lost on

the exchange yesterday, with no sign of

the bank intervening They closed at 2,230 Swiss francs, 120

francs up on yesterday. This is still about 430 francs down on Friday's close.

Before the news broke that three Crédit Suisse Bank managers from the Chiasso branch were under arrest as a result of transactions involving 2,200m francs (about £500m) lent to a Liechtenstein

bolding company now reported to be in financial difficulties.

worst financial scandal.

Investors' confidence revived by offer of £690m standby aid

yesterday.

office for years.

Crédit Suisse shares rally sharply

Swiss newspapers today criticized the wisdom of making the size of the standby credit known, since the disparity between

Crédit Suisse's estimation of losses of up to 250m francs and the magnitude of the

offer was so great.
"It had the effect of a bomb", the

Journal de Geneve said, and Die Tat in Zurich estimated 759.4m francs was wiped off the value of the Big Three's shares

Today some of that was recovered,

without an answer being given to the question of how three senior officials were able, according to the Lugano public prosecutor, to hide the loans from head

As about 50 auditors went through the

books and a Crédit Suisse legal adviser joined the board of the Liechtenstein

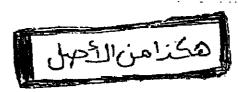
company, Texon Finanzanscalt of Vaduz, Crédit Suisse came in for public criticism for its own bandling of the affair.

By setting the maximum losses at 250m

francs earlier this month when the scan-

dal first broke and then omitting any reference to a figure in its statement on Monday, Crédit Suisse unnerved the in-

vestment market and fuelled fears that



group.

Mr Carter and the confidence gamble, page 25

Harland's £70m contract will provide work for 2,000 over two years

Hariand & Wolff, the state-owned shipbuilder of Belfast, has won an order worth be-tween £50m and £70m, Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, announced

The order, for two liquefied peroleum gas carriers, will provide employment for 2,000 men for two years, at a time when work is running out at the yard.

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This is the first new order Harland has received since 1974 and will do much to raise morale in the province, where memployment is high and interest of the standard in the standard in the standard states are standard. dustrial strife is threatened. dustrial strike is intreatened.

Mr Mason yesterday visited
the shippard to break the good
news to the 9,300 employees.

He said the contract involved

new technology.

Final details have yet to be completed before the order is firm; but in a Commons written answer to Mr William Craig (East Belfast, UU), Mr Mason disclosed that agreement for the order had been reached

in principle.

Arrangements to enable the vessels, each of 50,000 cubic metres; to be ordered by a metres; to be ordered by a leasing company for long-term charter to Shell will be announced later. Prices of the carriers and other details were still the subject of negotiation.

Shell has signed a contract to supply Northern Natural Gas of Nebraska with liquid petroleum gases from the Brent field Whom field. When the contract is fully operational in the 1980s, Shell will be shipping about 660,000 tons of gases a year worth about \$100m annually. Details so far available show

that it is intended to set up a joint leasing company. Ordinary share capital will be owned b, United Kingdom banks. Har-land & Wolff, owned by the Northern Ireland Department of Commerce, who will provide fi ance, will invest up to £12m

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Mr Mason talks to Harland & Wolff shipyard workers vesterday, after announcing orders for the company.

form of redeemable preference Preference shares will earn accumulative but not com-

pounded dividends of 71 per cent a year, and it is expected that they will be redeemed out of the sale proceeds of the ships at the end of the lease, thought to be 15 years. The leasing company will have access to normal credit

terms under the Home Credit Scheme for Shipbuilding Mr Mason said the leasing con-pany would also benefit from tax incentives generally available for leasing operations. Mr Mason clearly regards yesterday's announcement as a significant contribution towards the fight against terrorism in

has consistently argued that increased industrial activity leading to less unemployment, economic growth and a better life for all was the best Way to secure peace.

Peter Hill writes: Placing of

the contract has been expected for some weeks. Although Shell has steadfastly denied that it was the subject of Government pressure to divert the order to Harland, the company had been negotiating with a leading Japanese shipyard for three carriers attracted by lower prices and competitive delivery dates.

The structure of the deal

involving the leasing company is interesting and could set the the fight against terrorism in pattern for future orders in Northern Ireland. Since his United Kingdom yards which appointment last autumn he are running out of work.

State steel wins £21m North Sea contract

By Peter Hill British Steel's tubes division has won its largest North Sea contract. Worth £21m, it will involve supplying more than 50,000 tonnes of predominantly high grade oil well casing and

mbing for Chevron Petroleum in the development of the Nintan field which is to start Mr G. H. Armitage, managing director of the BSC's tubes divi-

Most of the order will be produced at the division's Clydes-dale and Imperial works in Lanarkshire with significant tonnages also being produced at corporation plants at Corby,

ckton and Llanwern. The 35,000 tonnes of seamless ing at the works to 360,000 casing required by Chevron tonnes a year, making it one

tion had decided to invest the total of BSC casing installed heavily recently to maintain its below the North Sea to more dominant position as casing supplier to the North Sea.

The division has invested The division has invested

£45m at its Scottish works. An £18m electric arc steelmaking plant at the Clydesdale works was commissioned 18 months ago. It replaced outdated open bearth steelmaking plant and raised productivity of steelmakne largest integrated steel tract. It was for this type and the tubes division's annual and seamless tubes works in size of order that the corpora- casing output. It would boost Europe.

Another draft on inflation accounting likely

By Adrienne Gleeson Probable publication another exposure draft on inflation accounting, to follow the controversial ED 18, was forecast yesterday by Mr Stanley Thomson, a member of the Morpeth Committee which pro-

duced it. Speaking after the annual meeting of the Association of Certified Accountants, of which he is a council member, Mr Thomson said that he thought a second exposure draft was

"almost bound to come".

There were "certain things we did not get right", which would require further consideration, for example, how the substance of the business might be maintained, the treatment of contracts and work in

progress, and the vexed ques-tion of monetary adjustments. However, while reserving its position on the subject of mone-try adjustments, the associa-tion extended a general welcome to ED 18.

Mr Kenneth Peters, the president, said that the draft was 90 per cent on the right lines. The association suggests modification of the application of ED 18 to small businesses.

American import bill for oil passes \$4,000m in month

£2,353m) in March, pushing the country's trade balance into a record deficit for the fourth time in the past five months, the Government said yesterday. Imports exceeded exports by \$2,390m in March, surpassing the previous record of \$1,870m in February, the Commerce

Department reported.

The deficit for the year now stands at \$5,920m, slightly more than that for all of last year. Government analysts had been blaming much of the deficit in the first two months of the year on bad weather and attendant transportation problems. But the latest figures showed the United States trade performance to be worse than the Administration

had originally expected. Petrol rises intensify

forecourt war British Petroleum, Esso and Mobil yesterday intensified the petrol price war by announc-ing increases in prices that are substantially below those intro-duced by Shell at the beginning of the week.

America's bill for imported oil rose above \$4,000m (about new wholesale prices that could increase the cost of petrol at the pump by 2.5p to 3.5p Esso, its largest competitor, disclosed increases from midnight that are likely to add only 1.5p a gallon at the pump for all

Central heating oil and other industrial fuel oil increases by the three companies were also below those of Shell.

German bank's plea on wage discussions

West Germany's Federal Bank yesterday urged both sides of industry to find a new approach on wages as a condi-tion for making a significant reduction in unemployment, which at present still stands above the million level.

In its annual report the bank said that this year's round of collective bargaining in which wage sestlements of around 7 per cent have so far proven to be the norm, has made the ment and holding down prices more difficult.

How the markets moved

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is devoted to this subject in the bulky briefing papers he has brought with him and that one line merely notes that IMF 64.25 1.90 113.50 currency market surveillance is a good idea. The ministers of the Group of Ten leading industrial nations met today to try and reach broad agreement on their positions on the major isues to be discussed tomorrow. Sources close to these ministers say that a main problem for them is that even at this late hour they still

do not know how much the key oil-producing countries, especially Saudi Arabia, are willing to contribute to strengthen the IMF's reserves. Tomorrow's meeting will be devoted to proposals aimed at fund,

raising the IMF resources.

Several proposals have been

The two main competitors of Crédit Susse, the oldest of Switzerland's big three banks, with 123 branch offices and agencies here, "spontaneously" offered the standby credit "in case of necessity". The bank, with capital and reserves listed at 2,697m francs on December 31, 1976, haughtily said it did not need the cash. crisis in recent weeks to hit Italians with the sums lost might be astronomically accounts in Switzerland. Itslians were re-ported to own most of 8.834 foreigners' accounts held by a smaller Swiss bank, Weisscredit, which has failed. higher, some financial sources in Zurich ommented. Asset valuation will be a long process Property company faces libel suit

after £9.5m deal for London site against GEC By Malcolm Brown By John Brennan Regional Properties, a £36m Arguments over the restruct uring of the power generation industry continued yesterday with accusations that GEC had been dictating terms

GEC, whose managing director, Sir Arnold Weinstock, is still in the middle of dis-cussions with the Government, would dominate the turbo-generator industry if the Goveroment backed a plan for it to take over the Newcastle com-

pany, C. A. Parsons, Mr Mike Thomas, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, said yesterday that by making the forward ordering programme for power stations dependent on obtaining a restructuring of the industry, the Government "has allowed GEC to dictate its own terms for restructuring, secure in the knowledge that Reyrolle Parsons' position in the argument could only be weakened by continuing delay in ordering

'Dictation'

charge

The Parsons workforce, which was told on Tuesday of 1,600 redundancies, wants GEC and Parsons to take equal shares in a national turbine generator сотрапу.

public company, is we be seed for libel over accusations it has made concerning a £9.5m property deal Solicitors acting for Mr

Edward Pineles, a property developer now living in the South of France, yesterday issued a writ, which will be served on Regional this morning, claiming "damages for libel in respect of a letter alleging that Mr Pineles was party to a con-spiracy".

Mr Pineles's writ relates to a letter before action sent by Regional earlier this month to Mr Pineles. In May 1973 Regional paid Mr Pineles £9.5m for a two acre development site in Kensington known as St Stephen's Precinct.

Stephen's Precinct.

Regional's letter follows reports late in March that the results of a two year investigation into the activities of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's plannin; office had been submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Regional's purchase of St Stephen's Precinct formed part of those investigations.

Regional's allegations and At the time of the dear his the Police investigation focus Conrad wrote to Mr Sidney the Police investigation focus Conrad wrote the Pol on the planning status of the site, which has proved a major financial embarrassment to

Assembled in the late 1960s by Mr Pineles, St Stephen's Precinct was to have been comprehensively redeveloped but, after protracted and abortive efforts to obtain a satisfactory planning permission Mr Pineles decided to abandon plans to develop the site and arranged for its sale by private tender Invitations to tender were sent to 60 property companies and developers early in 1973.

Mr Neville Conrad, who became managing director of Regional in 1972 with plans for vigorous expansion of its commercial property development side, outbid his rivals for the St Stephen's site.

His offer of £9.5m was £2.5m more than an earlier offer for the site by Raglan Property Trust and £3.5m above the bighest bid received at the time of the tender for sale, from First St George's Investment

drawn up provisional plans for the site for Mr Pineles saying that: "I intend to make a very bullish attempt to acquire here." And in a statement to shareholders following the purchase Mr Conrad commented that "this outstanding site has been acquired for future redevelopment".

for much of Italy's wine production, a luxury holiday company and a plastics

But the vacuum has led to speculation

that final losses could be as high as 700m france putting even the collepse of West

Germany's Herstatt Bank in the shade. The Swiss banking establishment, and

Credit Suisse, are making sure people know that they can take it, however, and

Despite this confidence, however, finan-cial commentators agreed that the image

of Swiss banking has certainly suffered, and pressure is growing for tightening up Switzerland's banking laws under which the commercial banks can operate as

to Milan reports, about 1,000 Ir. an clients are involved in the Credit Suisse

affair through fiduciary deposits placed with Texon. Their position is delicate, as they fear that if they identify themselves, they may be charged with illegal export of currency from Italy.

The Credit Suisse affair is the second crisis in recent weeks to his behind

they will be the only losers.

John Earle writes from Rome:

In that statement an indepen-dent valuation of the site by estate agents Jones Lang Woot-ton said that on the information available to the agents "the consideration paid by your com-pany for the freehold interest in these properties is reasonable ". Since his acquisition of St

Stephen's Precinct, Mr Conrad has had to face a massive slump in the value of the site. Accumulated interest charges on the purchase price could make the overall cost of the deal to Regional over £12m.
Mr Conrad felt unable to comment on the situation last night, the matter is in the hands of his lawyers.

Leyland 'working flat out' to meet £170 m sales Mr Whittaker added that assistance.

Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director, yesterday spelt out the immediate prize for Leyland Cars if it continued to meet cars in the Austin Morris ranges accounted for more than £100m of these orders, while a further cars in the Austin Morris ranges accounted for more than £100m of these orders, while a further cars in the Austin Morris ranges accounted for more than £100m of these orders, while a further cars in the Austin Morris ranges accounted for more than £100m of these orders.

be increased. There are also disagreements on this key

question between the develop-

ing countries and the leading

industrial countries.

Sources close to the finance

ministers attending the IMF's

interim committee meeting, which starts tomorrow, boldly

assert that the disagreements are so intense that there is no prospect at all of any final agreement being reached here

this week except on the question of establishing proce-dures under which the fund will

monitor foreign exchange

There is a widespread view

here that this latter topic is

only of marginal importance. The sources pointed out that

it is unrealistic to assume that

the IMF will ever be in a

position to force the United States, West Germany or Japan to change their exchange rate policies.

Herr Hans Apel, the West German finance minister, told

reporters here that just one line

market developments.

Wrangling expected

Washington, April 27
European Community
members are sharply divided over the extent to which the financial resources of the International Monetary Fund should be increased. There are also

over IMF quotas

Cars if it continued to meet production targets.

He said: "At this moment we have firm, solid orders for more than 50,000 vehicles in the United Kingdom alone. These are worth more than 5170m at showroom prices. We are working flat out to get these to our distributors and dealers throughout the country to bring in the cash we so desperately need."

535m related specifically to the new Rover 3500.

After the strikes a month ago, he said, factories had consistently reached targets laid down in Leyland's business plan. Although he did not give details the target is understood to be around 20,000 cars a week, and is the same as that set by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, as the price of further Government financial plan. Although he did not give details the target is understood to be around 20,000 cars a week, and is the same as that set by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, as the price of further Government financial

The sources stated that there is now no doubt that the longer

it takes to reach agreement on the supplementary facility, the greater will be the pressures

greater with on the pressures for large quota increases.

West Germany, Holland, France and Luxembourg want the quota increase to be kimited to a maximum of about 30 per cent the sources said.

increase, with Britain believed to be supporting a 50 to 70 per cent rise. The developing

countries, represented here by the Group of 24, issued a com-

muniqué today calling for a 100

The West Germans and the Japanese, the sources noted, are bluntly stating that a quota

increase of more than about 30 per cent will have to be accom-

panied by a redistribution of IMF shares that gives these

Herr Apel said here that a redistribution of share holdings

will demand lengthy negotia-tions and it would therefore be

countries greater influence.

cent, the sources said. The other Community countries want a much greater

per cent increase,

"I am delighted that our employees have responded so magnificently to the challenge laid before them when they returned to work four weeks

"Since that time the vast majority of our employees have displayed a firm determination to stay at work whatever the production losses stand at problem and to assure the about £14m worth of Escort cars general public that we are a and another £2m to £3m worth company with a prosperous of Transit van.

Hopes rose last night that the workers,

two-week strike at Ford's Hale-wood plant will end today when a peace plan will be put to the 1,000 strikers.

The return-to-work formula was agreed between shop stewards and management and will be put before the striking toolroom and engineers.

future."

The strike has caused the layR. W. Shakespeare writes: off of 8,000 other Halewood

Sweet life sours for take-away traders

Eight hundred take-ar >1 food traders have joined for 275 to fight local and cerral government moves which they claim are threatening their livelihood.

As its first task, the newly Take-Away Food formed Federation is objecting to what it says are penal registration fees charged by certain London boroughs under the new Greater London (General Powers) Act

With effect from this month, the Act for the first time subjects take-away food outlets which open late at night to licensing requirements similar to those for cafés where food is consumed on the premises.

The legislation also alters the fee for registration from £1 to enable individual London boroughs to charge what they consider is a "reasonable amount" for the inspection associated with registration

In meetings with GLC and London Boroughs Association representatives, the take-away food traders say they were under the impression that the new annual charge would be

In the event, some boroughs are threatening to charge much more. In particular, the take-away food traders are dismoyed by proposals by the London Borough of Lambeth to charge an annual fee of \$100.

The traders, many of whose businesses are family-run with turnovers of £1,000 a week or less, say the fee is excessive and some are threatening to stop opening after midnight to avoid it.

In the longer term the federation, which sims to band together fish suops and ham-burger and chicken bars with Chinese take-away interests, is seeking to rationalize their members' position as for as legislation on employee wages and hours of work is concerned.

At present, some of Eritain's 20,000 take-away food shops are classified as retail food outlets on the Department of Employment Wage Councils. Others are catalogued as "unlicensed catalogued as "unlicensed places of refreshment", which have a totally different ware structure geared to shift work stuggered over a seven-day period from that applied to retailers of uncooked food.

Mr Robin Baiden, secretary ject is high on the agenda for discussion by members. Mean-while, approaches have been made to the Department of Employment to see if the takeaways can be represented on both wage councils.

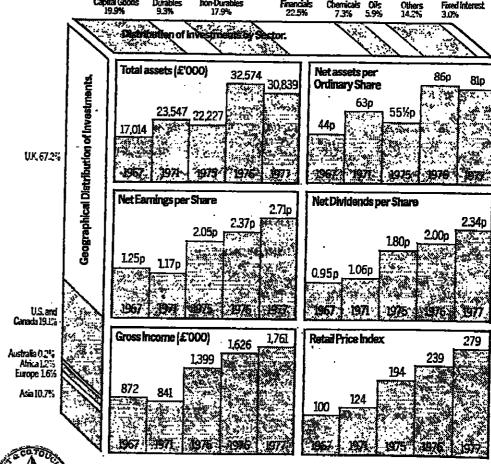
Take-away food shors are frequently criticized, unfairly they say, for generating litter and say, for generating litter and for causing traffic congestion.

Their argument is that most of their business (over 50 per cent in the case of Kentucky Fried Chicken, which with 260 outlets is one of the largest) takes place after 5 pm when traffic has eased.

Patricia Tisdall

The International Investment Trust, Limited.

Year to 31st January 1977. C. Michael Hughes Chairman.





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best, if swift action is to be taken, if agreements were reached on only a small quota All countries appear to support the plan for a new supplementary facility, including Saudi Arabia, At most, this meeting will

end with only agreements in principle on the new facility and a quota increase. The United States and West Germany are insisting that the contributions to the new facility should be evenly split between oil-producing surplus countries and those industrial countries in a position to lend to the

The Group of 24 argues that loans from the facility "should have low conditionality".

By Caroline Atkinson

If Britain is to benefit through lower inflation from the present tight money policy the Government should stop holding down the exchange rate and let the pound float upwards while it can.

This argument is presented today in a paper* by two London Business School economists, Mr Terry Burns and Mr Alan Budd, accompanying their three year forecasts for the British

They say that the policy of holding the pound down when demand for sterling is strong could lead to the worst of all possible worlds when combined, as at present, with a pight money target.

Recession combined with high inflation would continue, while a treeing of the exchange rate could slow down inflation and

The authors are using a monetarist framework. Their conclusions are very different from those of economists both inside and outside the Government, who believe that the international competitiveness necessary for Britain's success depends on a depreciating pound to compensate for faster inflation in Britain than in competing industrialized economies.

Mr Budd and Mr Burns argue, on the contrary, that competitiveness is determined by the domestic labour market, and changes in the exchange rate feed through to inflation rather than the other way

The value of a tight money policy, they say, is that it leads to a rise in the exchange rate which then moderates the rate of domestic inflation through cheaper imports. This then boosts the real money supply (which is equal to the nominal growth in money less the rate of inflation) and thereby the rate of output growth in the economy. The slowdown in in-flation also boosts home demand through its effect on savings. When inflation is eating away the real value of people's sav

ings, they save more Slow growth forecast: The British economy will grow by less than 1 per cent in 1977, according to the latest forecast from the London Business School. Unemployment will continue to rise during the year and go on increasing until 1979. Lucas expertise and key com-London Business School Centre ponents to established motor

Britain's price competitiveness

in overseas markets through a

steady decline in the value of

the pound could lead to a progressive slide "down market" in the quality of exports.

This is the tentative conclu-

By Melvyn Westlake

Attempts

Government National Freight Corporation cuts losses from £31m to £15.3m

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

National Freight Corporation is well on the way to eliminating the £30m deficit which so embarrassed the Government last year and with associated cashflow problems led to the calling in of consultants Cooper Lybrand at Treasury behest. Reporting a reduction in over-

all losses from £31m to £15.3m in 1976, Sir Dan Petrit the chairman hinted yesterday that given a continuation of first-quarter trading trends and an absence of industrial strife, the corpora-tion could be back in overall profit this year.

Results so far are substanrially above forecasts which themselves budgeted for a sharp improvement on 1976.

"Despite all the gloomy and pessimistic talk, particularly in Parliament, about the perform-ance of the NFC", Mr Peter McGrath, the departing finance director, commenting on the latest annual report yesterday, there is on current trends every reason to expect a record trading profit in 1977, substannally over 1976 and probably exceeding the projections of the Cooper report Last year's result was reached

Cooper Lybrand submitted their report, Mr Rodgers, the Secre-tary of State for Transport, is still pondering what to do about

improvement on 1975. Performance of subsidiaries with Sir Dan's comments are as follows: British Road Services: a record profit of £5.9m; "a remarkable result but still not a good enough return on capital."

National Carriers: loss of £4.1m, a £5m improvement on 1975. Under Mr Brian Hayward, a former lorry-driver, NCL is more market responsive with

higher charges and reduced costs. "The grant is stirring."

Freightliners: £1.3m profit from a £1m loss in 1975. "With performance like this, debate about who should own it is something of a non-event Under us, we would expect a further improvement to £2m-£3m profit this year. Handing them over to BR would be like putting Liverpool into the Euro-pean Cup with Accrington Stanley's defence."

Roadline UK (formerly BRS Parcels): a "disappointing reverse" for what was formerly NFC's top money-earner, with a first-ever loss of £1m.

Unusually for a state-sector chairman, Sir Dan praised Mr Rodgers for " good ministerial

Chloride pact with US | Plea to NEB electric vehicle maker

Competition between Chloride and Lucas to obtain the first British foothold in the potentially big American market for electric powered vehicles heightened yesterday with an announcement by Chloride that it has signed a partnership agreement with one electric America's leading Electric vehicle producers' Vehicle Associates (EVA), of Cleveland, Ohio. Chloride has formed a 50-50 owned company with EVA Chloride, which is to manufacture and sell electric

buses and vans. This is a different approach from that being pursued by Lucas. The Midlands-based group recently took its proto-type electric bus to L stroit and demonstrated it to the heads of General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and American Motors -and is clearly hoping to sell

tured products upon which mar-

Benefits from cost competi-

tiveness, whether achieved through devaluation or prefer-

able through productivity growth, may often work most effectively through their impact

upon profit margins on the sale

ket share depends,

A similar part 1 has already been established by Lucas in Britain. Vauxhall, the GM Britain. Vauxhall, the GM subsidiary, is to produce a number of Lucas-designed electric vans based on a Bedford chassis.

Sir Dan Pettit: interest charges

after paying out £11m in interest charges and £15m on

closures and redundancy pay-ments. Eight months after

Gross turnover last year was

£338m, £34m up, and the trading profit, at £4m, a £13m

National Freight.

Chloride has similarly cooper ated with Chrysler United King-dom to produce a prototype electric van, the Silent Karrier. However, by venturing into the manufacture of its own vehicles in the United States it now has a foot in two camps and an answer to those supporters of electric vehicles who have long complained that the motor industry's interest in electric propulsion is little more than a face-saving exercise to appease energy-conscious governments.

EVA has alread supplied lectric cars t American electric cars t American federal, state and municipal authorities for testing and claims to be one of the country's pioneers in electric vehicles Some 18 months ago acquired the light vehicle division of Oris, which added bus and van capabilities.

than the more sophisticated pro-

ducts of comparable trading

if a country moves progressively "down market", then it is likely to find itself specia-

The problem with this is that

Pound's fall 'may lower quality of exports' elaborate products of older vintage that sell at lower prices

nology. "The current review of Leyland Cars whole operation must confirm this decision. To deny such funds would be to condemn Leyland to a future of relatively low productivity and would simply repeat the errors of the past", the report says. The union emphasizes that it to break this dependence on

is essential for Levland Cars overseas expertise and to de-

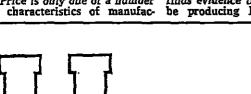
on tooling by Leyland

By Malcolm Brown
The National Enterprise Board yesterday was urged to examine the progress made by Leyland Cars in implementing the recommendations of the Ryder report on the organization of product development

engineering. In a report submitted to Mr Leslie Huckfield, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Industry, the Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, also ask the Department of Industry to examine the British tool industry with particular reference to tool manufacture and the contract and consultant engineering design companies. It is essential for Leyland Cars to be preserved and to prosper as a major volume ar producer, the union says This can only be done if in-vestment funds are made availible to develop the engineering,

rooling, and design capacity and a full model range.

There is a need to buy ad-vanced engineering, design and tooling facilities from western Europe and the United States, and investment funds have been made available to buy this rech-



In his statement on 1976, the President of the London Life Association

Universities Superannuation Scheme continues inevitably to affect our new

business totals. This development has been long foreseen and we have care-

fully planned for its consequences. We are making arrangements with U.S.S.

lizing increasingly upon pro-ducts for which world demand of traded goods, thereby pro-viding both the motive and sion of a study* undertaken by Mr David Stout, economic director of the National Econocapacity to compete in nongrows more slowly as world income level rises. mic Development Office, pub- price terms, Most alarmingly, the study * International Price competi-Price is only one of a number finds evidence that Britain may tiveness, non-price factors and velop its own capacity in these of characteristics of manufac- be producing less technically export performance.

London Life A successful 170th year.

Japan allows car venture by BL and From Mr S. W. Tyler

Japan has approved a joint venture company in Japan between British Leyland International and Mitsui and Co, to increase imports and sales of Leyland cars, the Finance

The new firm, Leyland Japan, is capitalized at 1,500m yen (about £3m), 35 per cent owned by British Leyland and 65 per cent by Mitsui. A spokesman for the new

Ministry announced.

joint firm said it plans to sell Jaguars, Triumphs TR-7 and the new Rover SD-1, all of which he said can meet Japan's rigid 1976 emission controls. He said the company hopes

its sales, starting from a target of 2,000 units for the first year, will rise to 5,000 units worth \$80m by 1980.

Leyland Japan is planning large investments this year in setting up a pre-delivery inspection centre, a parts depot and a technical training centre in Yoyohama, he added.—Reuter.

Industrial output up by 0.9 pc in Japan

Japanese industrial output ose by a seasonally adjusted os per cent in March, the first monthly increase since last November. Industrial production is now 5 per cent above the level of a year ago. This is a small annual increase by apanese standards and reflects the disturbing falls in output during the last four months.

The boost to output in March was lower than many analysts less, it signals the end of the recent Japanese pause which has helped to swell Japan's trade surplus and led to the recent lowering of the bank

rate. There was a sharp fall in March in the inventory ratio in manufacturing industry, which measures the ratio of stocks to outpur. This suggests an upturn in demand which had to be met from stocks but which should lead to faster output

Slight recovery in manufacturing jobs

Figures published by the Department of Employment show that during the first two months of the year the number of jobs in tanufacturing rose by 0.4 per cent, after increasing slightly during the last quarter

Evidence suggests that employment is at least no longer alling and may even be rising slightly. During the last quarter of 1976 the total number of jobs. a majority of which are in service industries, went up slightly.

Yard cancellations

owners was a record 110 ships totalling 7.59 million gross tons in the year ended March 31, the Transport Ministry said. Can-cellations by foreign ship-owners totalled 100 ships (6.65 million tons) with 72 tanker can-cellations totalling 6.87 million

Bank strike ends

Bank strike ends

An eight-day unofficial strike by staff at the Bank of Cyprus which prevented customers depositing or withdrawing money ended yesterday. The National Union of Bank Employees has decided to seek pay parity with staff of other banks through the Employment Protection Act.

Decided in 1965.**

It was nice to have my nove-listic talents inflated to the point where I could be thought and point where I could be though

Taxpayer's view of

the Drax B debate

Sir. As a taxpayer and a consumer of electricity, I may fairly claim to be representative of the majority of people in this country. Hence the argument which is currently ensuing concerning payment for the cost of Drax B really only concerns the point as to whether my proportion of the cost comes from my left pocket or my right pocket.

The report on page 23 of The Times on Friday, April 22, points out the well-known fact that there is a lot of coal in Yorkshire but that at the present time we are forced to import oil at vast expense from abroad. The onset of North Sea oil would probably rectify

this position but only for a From Mr Colin Dansis finite period. It seems to be logical to make provision for utilization of the raw materials which we have in this country, ie, coal, which will continue to be available to us for many years after North Sea oil has been spent. The true point to be discussed concerning Drax B relates to the utilization of coal and North Sea oil as raw materials and the discussion as to who pays for the cost of Drax B is well known to all the parties concerned. is the community at large, be it as a consumer or a taxpayer. Yours faithfully,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

S. W. TYLER, 32 Manor Gardens,

Resources 'locked up' in engineering companies

From Mr Gerald Hansard Sir, Miss Soesan (April 19) claims that I have done "less than justice to the engineering industry" by drawing attention to its investment in inventories, and requests more information.

My sources were: Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1972 table 1,188, and Reports on the Census of Production (UK). The United States figures are for the year 1970.
The astronomical figures quoted in my letter of April 7 may be expressed in less alarming terms. For every £100 of sales, United States engineers maintained inventories to the value of £21, whereas United Kingdom engineers apparently found a need for inventory back-ups of £36 in 1973 and £40 in 1974.

By relating average inventories each year to sales in the same year, I have reduced the distorting influence of infla-tion and, although it was not my intention to compare one year's figures with another's, it is worth noting that there was a significant increase in 1974. It was, of course, in November, 1974. that Mr Healey announced his stock relief measures.

As regards the figures for 1975, there is no mystery. As the official statistics for the past two years were not available, I made what I believed to be a conservative estimate for 1976 only, thus bringing us bang up to date.

In addition to the aggregated statistics, I also referred to the published annual accounts of companies in the United States United Kingdom, and West Germany. The comparisons are for the most part not flarrering to United Kingdom engineers. For example, in the motor vehicle industry in 1973, United Kingdom manu-Tokyo, April 27.—Cancellation of shipbuilding contracts concluded with Japanese shipyards by domestic and overseas parts invested £9.90. parts invested £9.90.

In 1975 British Leyland, Chrysler, Ford and Vauxhall invested £25.85, while the West German companies, Audi-NSU, BMW, Daimlet-Benz and Ford got by on £10.77.

I could quote other depressing comparisons, but it would take up too much of your valu-

On the evidence, I think it is fair to say that United King-dom engineering companies have a propensity to entrain excessive oes for excessive periods of time. These resources represent an excessive investment in working capital and include a large element of added value.

up our wealth. Our production pipeline is choked with materials and work. No wonder there are shortages. No wonder we are late with deliveries. I call it "the over-investment/ under-production syndrome ". Mr Healey should have

vity" is a by-product of this.

its capital base, ease its stock burden and improve its economic performance, it must for-sake Mr Healey's feather bed and deploy its resources much more dynamically than hitherto. That way we will not have to go cap-in-hand to the IMF again. Yours faithfully, GERALD HANSARD, G. Hansard & Associates.

Far from retirement

From Mr David Moreau Sir, I was flattered by your reference to me in your Business Diary (April 19) in con-

We no longer lock up our daughters, but continue to lock

found another way. Tax relief on stock appreciation has removed a major incentive to improve the management of resources. If there is a lesson to learn, it is surely this: the Americans and the West Germans deploy their resources in such a way as to add value at a faster effective rate. By doing so, they achieve higher levels of corporate productivity and, at least to some extent, their higher "labour producti-

If the industry is to preserve

65 Linton Crescent April 26.

Managing Director, Elga Products Limited,

chairman of Weddel Pherma ceuticals, a post which I still fill non-executively, and also to be managing director of Elga Products, which I hope has something to do with its average growth rate of 40 per

disclosure requirements

'Damaging'

Sir, I was pleased to see the letter from Mr David Mitchell MP, suggesting that the welcome for yet greater disclosure requirements would be severely limited. The very word "disclosure" confuses the issue, as interested parties, particularly lenders, ask directly for the information they require, whatever the law is.

What Companies Acts enforce is publication to people with no legitimate interest in the business concerned. This is not just an administrative burden on smaller companies, it can be a source of damage to them. If landlords or major sup-

pliers or customers know the the exact financial position of a comparatively small company they can bring undue pressure to bear on it, while, if they themselves are large companies foreign, corresponding details about their own affairs will be hard or impossible to

In suggesting that publication can be justified if a company is important to the area in which it is located, Mr Mitchell proposes a definition which is too wide and hardly practicable. His exiterion would need extremely complicated formulation or would leave wide room for subjective judgments.

For example, how would it be decided whether a company employing twenty people in a small village was a more imporant employer in its area than one employing 500 in a large

This association maintains that the publication of accounts is necessary and justified only for a fairly limited class of companies. That comprises those which invite the general public to subscribe by obtain public to subscribe by obtaining a quotation on a stock exchange Yours faithfully, COLIN DAURIS. Chairman,

The Association of Independent **Rusinesses** Europe House World Trade Centre, London El 9AA.

April 26.

Amazon tycoons From Dr Vincent Powell-Smith

Sir, Amazon tycoons please apply (April 21)

Ms Holt's anazement can scarcely be equalled by that of those who, from time to time, seek when a graphy accurations. seek to employ secretaries.

Despite in lated salaries

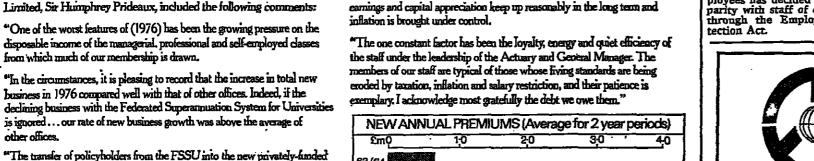
which bear no relation to the value of the job most appli-cants seem incapable of carrying out even the simplest secretarial tasks. Typing skills are non-existent and the telephone is, apparently, a hideous new invention.

In desperation, one is driven to "gilding the lily"—but still to no avail. For my part, I am astonished to see secretarial positions advertised at £4,000 pa or even more. No wonder that we cannot defeat the inflationary spiral! VINCENT POWELL SMITH,

Oak Tree House, 4 Sycamore Close

Lax on charity

From Mrs B. Harper Sir, I wonder how many people like me are reluctant to give generously to charity knowing that the income of charitable organizations is subject to income tax?
Yours faithfully, 218 Hospital Bridge Road, Whitton, Middlesex. April 25.



for transferred policies to be surrendered on terms we have specially quoted and for total surrender values to be paid into our Managed Fund over the next three years. I can repeat my assurance of last year that the running down of FSSU will be in no way detrimental to existing or potential members of the "In my Statement last year I mentioned that we had introduced a new type of

proved to be highly competitive and a very popular addition to our range of "Capital Transfer Tax has been with us for about two years; many of our members... are taking advantage of two types of policy which are especially well-suited to provide funds to pay CTT. The first is the Capital Saleguard Scheme. The second is our old friend the Reduction of Premium policy designed as long ago as 1806. Properly written, these policies can accumulate

Pension Annuity policy. I am pleased to report that this new policy has

"Despite the uncertain economic outlook, the capital value of our stock exchange investments was well maintained . . The interest rates earned on the funds were increased, despite last year's writing-up of investment values.

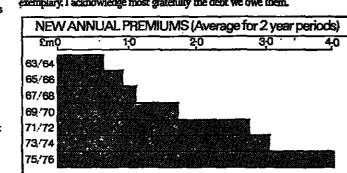
"A notable achievement was the completion of the office property at Clement's Inn on the Strand, and its sale for £13 million. . . .

funds which will themselves be free from CTT.

"As in previous years we have made a transfer from the Investment Reserve to boost the surplus for the boous declarations . . . I am confident that the amounts we are retaining in reserves are quite adequate to ensure the



maintenance of future bonuses at the rates now declared, provided interest earnings and capital appreciation keep up reasonably in the long term and



The London Life Association is pleased to announce the following bonus rates for the year commencing 1st July 1977:

Reduction of Premium System

Reversionary Bonus System

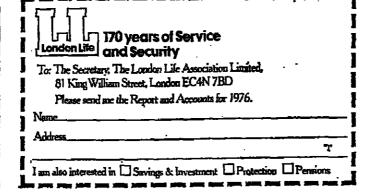
For policies in the 68th or earlier Series, i.e. Policies issued prior to the 1st July, 1975, an increase of 9 (1976: 10) in the rates of reduction of percentage allocation. For Policies in the 69th and 70th Senies, an increase of 7 in the declared percentage rate.

A compound Reversionary Bonus of 4.60% (1976: 4.60%) (including

compound bonus deferred annuities in the General Annunity Fund and Pension Business Fund).

Simple Bonus — Pension Business

A Simple Bonus of 7.70% (1976: 7.50%). For a copy of the Association's Report and Accounts for 1976, together with information about the range of policies offered, please send the coupon.



Foseco Minsep

World sales reach £165 million

Pre-tax profit at new peak of £15.9 million despite difficult trading conditions

* Resilient performance by Foseco foundry products.

* Real progress in international development of Fosroc building and construction sector.

* General extension of operating bases - Foseco Minsep companies now in 27 countries.

* Sound balance sheet and good financial position.

Summary of results for year ended 31st December Sales outside the Group Profit before tax Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	1976 £000 165,427 15,866 9,445	1975 -£000 133,119 14,156 7,782
Earnings per ordinary share	16.7p	14.7p
Dividends per ordinary share	4.0971p	3.7246p

Earnings per Ordinary Share (pence) 14.7p 40.00 370 10.0p 8.5p

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Eric Weiss, Chairman, says "Our continued success in this

rapidly changing world will depend above all else on the quality of the management and the skills and motivation of all employees. We are as confident as ever that there

continues to be major long term potential for onward development of the Foseco metallurgical businesses . the momentum of Fosroc international development is accelerating and the Fosmin and Fospur sectors anticipate further profitable growth in the current year."

Copies of the Report and Accounts for 1976 will be available after 3rd June 1977 from the Secretary, Foseco Minsep Limited, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AR (01-839 7030)

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Tarmac rides the recession

Tarmac claims to chase profit which produced a 40 per cent rest of the recovery stems from selective policy which continued to pay off last year in the United Kingdom's deteriorating. conditions for construction. The group's 11 per cent pre-

tax improvement is well up to most market expectations and reflects an exceptionally strong performance by most divisions: The gains at the pre-tax profit level would have been in time with a 24 per cent turnover increase to £51km without an anticipated once and for all £2.77m provision on the Brussels property development. The outcome was further marred by United Kingdom property losses of £890,000 and a loss of just under £1m on the highly geared

German quarrying operations.
However, the United King-However, the United Kingdora Construction division
managed to boost trading profirs 50 per cent to 55m thanks
m continuing road-building contracts which building products
and housing both pushed up 25
per cent. The controversial
Cubins acquisition chipped in
over film in its first four
mombs and is expected to conthinks around 52m this year. ribute around 12m this year. Bad weather, however, has

meant a bad start to 1977 in United Kingdom and volume himery rivals could make the competitive going much tougher for Tarmac in

All of which leaves the international division which covers mac's best hope for future growth at least until the next upture in Europe. This division almost trebled trading profits to 22.3m last year and a recently won \$40m Middle East contract in the Gulf should en-sure further progress this year. German losses could continue for the time being but the mere elimination of United Kingdom and Belgian property losses this although should go far towards enmal.

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cent to perhaps £27.5m this This would put the shares after yesterday's climb of 4p to 154p on a prospective p/e ratio of under 7 and a potential yield of 9.6 per cent—a rating which has its attractions not only in relative terms. Final: 1976 (1975)

suring growth of around 20 per

Sales 5511m (£411m) Pre-tax profits £22.5m (£20,3m) Earnings per share 17.8p (20.1p) Dividend gross 13.5p (12.28p)

Foseco Minsep Dividend plea

rejected

Fosco Minsep has joined Shell u being a company to ask for exclusion from United Kingdom dividend controls and be turned' down. Foseco's case is, per-haps, not particularly strong, for although 90 per cent of its profits arise overseas, licensing income is grouped in with United Kingdom profits making the split nearer 75/25, and possibly 20 per cent of its assets are at home.

The failure of this route to increase the dividend, currently covered four times, leaves the 3.9 per cent yield as the major brake on the shares, up 7p at 160p yesterday, at a time when nusiness should start to pick up

harply.

Profits for 1976 are only 12.1
per cent up at £15.9m, and
1700,000 of that is due to exchange gains. But a decline in margins despite increases in rolume in both the two major divisions is explained by a 11.m swing into losses of 160,000 in the United States.

metallurgical company. Last year, Foseco's best performance was on the foundry additive side as the automotive industry picked up, but there nas also a 10 per cent gain from Fosroc, the building chemicals and products side profits increase.

Foundry demand should remain fairly good as engineering generally improves, and while steel production is still sluggish it should be moving ahead fairly strangly in the ahead fairly strongly in the United States in the secondhalf, and picking up quite smartly elsewhere. Profits of £19.5m or so this

year, should leave only a marginal cash outflow, while there is a cushion of £11.5m cash in the balance-sheet. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £73.4m Sales £165m (£133m) Sales 5165m (£133m)
Pre-tax profits £159m (£14.2m)
Earnings per share 16.7p (14.7p)
Dividend gross 6.3032p
(5.7302p)

Clarke Chapman

Defensive aualities

Clarke Chapmans' 1976 profits of £8.1m against £7.52m were below best estimates and that, with the future of the power generation industry still unresolved, was enough to leave the shares 1p lower at 76p on a good day.

The group's vulnerability to the lack of power station orders, however, has often been overestimated, although the power engineer section of Clarke Chapthan accounts for 40 per cent of group sales, only around half that is original equipment to the CEGB and the rest includes the production of highly successful industrial boilers.

Moreover, Clark Chapman has Kingom power station prouction enough work for the present about force until end 1979, although profits appear mini-

Talks with Babcock and Wilcox on CPRS-style reorganiza-tion of the industry are continuing, but are unlikely to get anywhere without the announcement of an ordering programme. Whatever the outcome Clarke Chapman looks fairly well placed, with the worst possibility being the awarding of a Drax B contract to B and W and a subsequent de facto reliance on Babcock as the major United Kingdom producer without a true re-organization of the industry.

For the rest, Clarke Chap-man needs a rise in capital in-vestment to make a major impact on profits, although its diversification into medium/ heavy engineering is serving it well and profits should rise, if only a little, in the current

aving strictly limited the downside risk on the power puny at just £1.5m. It has, engineering side, and improved engineering side, and improved liquidity by £5m last year on an already strong balance sheet, a 9.9 per cent yield is attractive. Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £24m Sales £204m (£182m) Pre-tax profits £8.12m (£7.52m) Earnings per share 14.26p (13.17p) Dividend gross 7.5038p (6.8217p)

Yield

For all the second half sprint to £10.3m to leave full-year profits marginally ahead at £16m pre-tax when the market had been prepared for a drop of up to a tenth after the poor opening half, Spillers looks to be too much one of the walking wounded of the foods sector to

ing than a good yielder.

For one thing the group has benefited from the absence of the previous year's £1m losses in Zambia. While much of the

make it anything more interest-

rationalizaction throughout the business rather than any real volume or margin growth, and the concomitant of this has been the extraordinary below the line debit of £1.6m which has contributed to a small fall in earnings per share despite the drop in the tax charge with no un-groupable losses this time.

Secondly, Spillers still has a number of problem areas where no early recovery is likely. True, the one fifth fall in minorities is a measure of the upturn at Spillers-Prench. But that has been chiefly on the animal feeds side where improved buying procedures and the drought last year meant a return to decent profits in the second balf after barely breaking even in

after barely breaking even in the first.
Milling, however, is still in the doldrums despite picking up towards the end of the year while baking, although notching up its third consecutive half-yearly improvement, lost £21m and is still at the mercy of the Price Commission which means precious little which means precious little chance of any headway in the current year.

With some growth points like the Meade-Lonsdale meat side, Spillers should manage to keep profits moving ahead to per-haps £181m this year but with earnings of around 5p a share on the increased capital the prospective p/e ration of 7 is a reflection of past manage-ment lapses. For the moment, the 11.6 per cent yield at 361p, albeit on a slimly covered divi-dend, is the best backstop for Final: (1976-77) (1975-76)

Capitalization £53.7m Sales £621m (£514m) Pre-tax Profits (16m (£15.5m) Earnings per share 4.39p (4.46p) Dividend gross 4.24p (3.85p)

Allen Harvey & Ross An alternative

for Simonside Allen Harvey & Ross has emerged as most favoured candidate for Simonside Investment, whose board announced back in February that they were

would welcome bid approaches in the alternative. After such a come on the bid

—232 Allen Harvey shares for
every 1,000 of Simonside,
valuing the latter at 88.2p
apiece on the 380p closing price of Allen Harvey last night, and underwritten with an 82.9p cash alternative—has no implications for the investment trust sector, of which Simonside was in any case a very innior mem-

discount houses. Allen Harvey & Ross is in fact making a rights issue by another name ind at a discounof only 9 per cent on the cash shernarive) for Simonside's portfolio is principally cash—only the £250,000 stake in Lasmo and the £200,000 in Berry Pacific remain as sub-stantial investments. It isn't, however, the cash that AHR is after, so much as an opportunity to strengthen its capital base, shortly to be depleted by the repayment of £250,000-worth of preference shares.

The bid now planned—and agreed by the holders of just under 35 per cent of Simonside's county-will more than plug that gap: it wil in fact, boost the capital base by around 50 per cent, and permit the discount house to gear up accordingly. That may not be desirable in today's marketsas Jessel. Toyobee pointed out yesterday, cutting the size of the book and the length of its maturity is the name of the game at the moment—but it will be if the government barrowing requirement rises later in the year.

Mr Carter: a question of confidence

unions with his anti-inflation workers. programme, but he also failed to give much encouragement. Sighs of relief were audible when he rejected the use of wage and price controls once again, but widespread scepti-cism was swiftly apparent when it emerged that the centrepiece of the programme was merely "a framework for consultabetween business, organized labour and govern-

Such frameworks for con-sultation have been tried many times by United States Presidents, and they have rarely produced the cooperation that Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Treasury secretary, rightly considers is essential if the spiral of wage and price increases is to be broken. That conditions, in particular, are unlikely to favour great successes in the forthcoming talks between the three sides is largely President

Carter's own fault.

The President has accomplished the fairly easy task of worrying both labour and business leaders within three months of taking office. His once excellent relations with the trade unions have soured more quickly and to a greater extent than anyone could have

Keeping Mr George Meany happy is an endeavour that no President has accomplished. The 81-year-old head of the influential AFL-CIO trade union organization is cantankerous. autocratic and experienced at trying to bully American Presi-dents.

Halfway

That there would be some friction between Mr Meany and the President was only to be expected. But most observers also expected the damage to be limited by the long and con-siderable friendship that existed between Mr Carter and Mr Meany's deputy, Mr Lane Kirkland. In December the unions

wanted Mr Carter to propose a \$30,000m 1977 stimulus to the economy. He went way by proposing a programme of this magnitude for the period from about April, 1977, to Dec-ember, 1978. But then last week he suddenly scrapped almost all of the 1977 part of the pack-age by withdrawing his \$11,000m rax rebate plan and his \$2,000m business investment tax credit plan. The unions were deeply annoyed, but this was only one of the many White House actions that have upset

protectionist actions to help the ailing United States shoe, textiles and colour television industries and the President has agreed, or indicated agreement. for only limited import restrictions. The unions wanted a \$3 per hour minimum wage (compared to the current minimum of \$2.30), but the President has given his support to only a \$2.50 level. The unions wanted strong White House support for legislation extending strike rights on construction sites, but the White House failed to flex its muscles and Congress narrowly voted down the pro-

President Catter's energy plans are not serving to win him friends in the trade unions either. They add to inflation to some extent and they could possibly add to unemployment as well; demand for new large cars might fall, for example, so leading to some redundancies in the motor industry.

Thus when one takes all these

factors together one is forced to the conclusion that the President and his key assistants are going to have a very tough time sitting down at a conference table with

giving any offence to large ively to campaign for voluntary private companies and the trade pay restraints by American pay restraints by American

> Mr Meany has given no indi-cation at all of any support for a wage restraint policy, except to announce that he will meet government and business lead-ers. He has recently become so distillusioned about Presiden Carter and so angry, that he may well demand a price for his cooperation that is deemed unreasonable at the White House and that might gravely upset the business community tough trade restrictions or a massive new public employment

programme
The President's problems with the business community are far greater, which is hardly surprising given his Democratic Party affiliation and their mostly Republican Parry inclinations. Businessmen, as the slump in share prices so far this year shows, have yet to be convinced that they can trust Mr Carter. They are worried about the large federal budget deficit and its inflationary effect, and 1 ey are worried about the President's support of a new government consumer protection

agency.

His concern for the environment and his likely support of still tougher anti-pollution laws that will add to business production costs cause them anxiety. They are worried abour his willingness to use the government to force business to undertake other investments: that do not directly add to productivity, such as some involved in his energy proposals.

They fear that the President will gravely weaken a number

of important corporations through his declared aims of both reducing government regu-lations on industry that have tended to serve the interests of industry more than those of consumers and by his recent call for tougher enforcement of

In addition, businessmen still

the anti-trust laws.

fear that the President may inproduce price controls at some future point, despite all his statements opposing such action. They recall that he did suggest during last year's election campaign that he would like the Congress to give him the authority to impose controls.

The success of the President's anti-inflation programme will ultimately depend upon the degree to which he can win

the confidence and trust of business and trade union leaders and today this is an immense undertaking. All of the large number of specific actions outlined by the Presideut in his programme-ranging from a plan to build stockpiles of raw materials to a plan to reorganize the government's bureaucracy, which could prothem. bureaucracy, warm countries.

The unions wanted tough duce public expenditure savings protectionist actions to help—are of marginal importance in the short and medium-term in the anti-inflation fight when compared to the significance of discussions between business, labour and government

The pace of United States inflation has accelerated in recent months and while the Administration hopes that the energy programme will add only 0.5 per cent to the con-sumer price index this year, a number of independent econ-omists have estimated (on the basis of draft outlines of the programme) that it could add 2 per cent to 3 per cent to consumer prices.

The top economic policy officers of the Administration. Mr Blumenthal, Mr Lance and Dr Schultze, will be making big public relations efforts to strengthen support for produc tive joint negotiations between business, government and the unions. Companies that sud-denly make sharp price rises will face public reprimands from the President and his men. Unions that seek large wage rises for their members are also likely to be rebuked.

Frank Vogl

solid gold To prevent this disaster it is also of our earning power; the necessary, according to Mr blood transfusion would be cut Godley, at least to stop this off while the haemorrhage was

The abundance of North Sea oil-provided that too much of it does not actually gush into that very sea-has posed a tricky problem for exchange rate policy. This has a profound bearing on the question whether the oil will fuel an eventual economic renaissance in Britain or merely lubricate the final stages of de-industria-

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Strong positions have been taken up. The "floaters" maintain stoutly that the oil revenues provide a god-sent opportunity to convert the vicious circle of depreciation and inflation into a virtuous circle of stability and prosperity.

The theorists of export-led growth and the "foreign-trade multiplier" predict the direct consequences first for employ-ment and eventually for living standards if oil dollars are allowed to sustain an overvalued sterling exchange rate. The latter argument as it applies to the United Kingdom has been strongly put by Mr Wynne Godley, director of the Cambridge Department of Applied Economics and an

author of the Combridge Economic Policy Review in a circular last week for brokers Vickers, da Costa and Сопрапу similar thesis, though

A similar thesis, though with important differences of emphasis, emerges with equal force as it would apply to a self-governing Scotland in an outstandingly lucid introduction to a forthcoming volume of extent of the companion of of essays on the economics of Scottish self-government. The volume is entitled Scotland 1980 (to be published by Q Press of Edinburgh); and the introduction is written by the volume's editor, Professor Donald MacKay. Both make the point that oil

reserves are a once-and-for-all capital asset. If they, or the proceeds from their sale, are merely consumed, then when they run out a sharp drop in the standard of living is to be expected.
Moreover, the processes of

growth are dynamic and tend over quite a long period to be self-promoting or self-stultify-ing depending on whether an economy gets into a virtuous or a vicious circle. Therefore, the effects of drinking the oil" may be more disastrous than the mere discomforts of the withdrawal symptoms when the horn of plenty is empty.

The particular mechanism whereby this rake's progress is facilitated is to be found in the interaction between the oil revenues from abroad and the exchange rate policy adopted by myopic governments. The oil dollars flowing in across the exchanges tend to push the value of the home currency above what would otherwise be its equilibrium parity.

This renders the output of the non-oil producing

the non-oil producing remainder of the home economy uncompetitive in international trade. It goes into decline and unemployment

Governments then react by encouraging home consumption and increasing unemployment benefits because they wish to mitigate the apparent recession and because they find that the balance of payments is strong enough for them to take such action. Alternatively govern-ments refrain from reflating and the economy stagnates eren worse.

In consequence, the argument runs, the value of the oil reserves are consumed, not invested, and/or the dynamic thrust of the rest of the home economy is set upon a long period of decline based on excessive living standards reflected in unrealistic (in the long-term) levels of pay and

Godley, at least to stop this off while the haemorrhage was effective appreciation of the home currency and/or, according to Professor MacKay, to use the oil revenues to create exchange rate from finding its rapidly assets are home and rapidly least to stop this off while the haemorrhage was still increasing."

These are essentially arguments for preventing the exchange rate from finding its rapidly assets are home and

capital assets at home and natural level under market Professor Mackay writes: foreign exchange market, in-"Self-government would have cluding demand for sterling produced a windfall increase (or for the Scottish pound) because most of the benefit of oil goes to the taxing auth-ority] in the wealth of the Scottish community [which] would be very substantial relative to Scottish national in-

If Ben Nevis were

"The asser oil and gas reserves, could be depleted to sustain an increase in private and public consumption and would provide a noticeable improvement in living standards which could be maintained for a few decades ... unemployment would be likely to fall ... the policy would not be checked for balance of pay-

ments reasons...

"The consequence would be that the de-industrialization of the Scottish economy, which has proceeded apace with the de-industrialization of Britain, would accelerate... the tradi-tional exporting industries in the manufacturing sector would become less price competitive in world markets, as the economy could simul-

Peter Jay **Economics Editor**

taneously experience both in-ternal price inflation and and pressure on exchange rate....
"The moral of this is

the income gained from depleting natural assets should not be used primarily for consumption purposes. Instead it should be largely used for the should be largely used for the add annually to the offi-creation of man-made assets, or cial gold and foreign exchange in some circumstances, the natural assets should be conserved and not depleted. . . . "A substantial proportion of

oil revenues should initially be invested abroad . . . As time passed . . some part of oil revenues would not be exported but would be used domestically ... again turning natural assets into man-made assets into man-made assets, this time in 'bricks and mortar' at home."

Mr Godley asks what will happen if, while money wages rise faster here than abroad, the Government maintains the

present nominal exchange rate; and he writes: "The essential message is that there will be a reasonable abundance of resources because of North Sea oil between now and 1981. However, the share of profit income would fall under these assumptions, because with wages increasing faster than present exchange rate would cause export margins to be squeezed; at the same time domestic margins would be suffering from progressive depression...the stagnation of the demand for industrial production together with an adverse trend in profits which, under these assumptions, return to the exceptionally low share of national income seen in 1976, makes it very implausible that any industrial stra-tegy could raise manufacturing 'It is the prospects for the

succeeding period [from the late 1980s] which are more truly alarming. For we could then find ourselves deprived simultaneously of our—so to speak—unearned income and

supply and demand in the deriving from oil exports. On the other hand any argument for discretionary intervention in the foreign exchange market in order to maintain a price which is supposed to represent medium-term, based on economists calculations rather than market forces, will incur the

the fallibility of such calculations in the past and of the vulnerability of such a chosen parity to speculative pressures.

These prudential reasons for "clean" floating have been reinforced by the more theoretical arguments of the interpretical arguments of the international monetarist school of econ-omists (based, like their domestic monetarist cousins, in Chicago). They see the free movement of the exchange rate in response to market pres-sures as the principal and

necessary mechanism whereby monetary policy affects prices and economic activity.

Typing the exchange rate down (which is how they would describe what Mr Godley sees as permissing it to appreciate unduly in real terms) frustrates this mechanism. So it undermines the potentially favourable effects on prices of supposedly counter-inflationary monetary poli-

These two positions are less far apart than they appear. The right synthesis could perhaps be achieved by adopting the following rules: • float freely;

 increase the domestic money supply at a disinflationary and eventually non-infla-tionary rate (10 per cent annually now, declining to 4 per cent in 1979);

reserves a sum equal to the gross (actual or potential) foreign exchange receipts from selling all North Sea oil production abroad, less ascer-tained additions to other financial assets abroad and to productive man-made assets home over and above the additions that might have been expected in the absence of North Sea oil.

It will then be found that

the problems discussed both by Professor MacKay and Mr Wynne Godley and by the international monetarists come out in the wash.

Specifically: inflation will be constrained towards zero over about five

under market forces to a level which is appropriate to the competitiveness of the non-oil sectors of the economy; and the natural asset of oil will be converted into income-bearing real or financial assets, with a practical political incen-

tive on governments to maximize the real and minimize the financial share of that portfolio since employment-creating investment of the oil money will be more attractive than merely adding to the reserves. The unemployment problem will unhappily, but unavoidably, remain so long as labour is supplied under monopolistic conditions.

If anyone doubts that this is if anyone doubts mat mis as the right policy, let them ask themselves what would be the right policy for Britain and for Scotland if it were found that Ben Nevis were made of solid

Business Diary: A Select few ACA's Pocock

There were some extremely red faces around the Palace of Westminster yesterday morning. A subcommittee of the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries had requested Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, to appear before them to give evidence on the operations of the British Steel Corporation which the commit-Corporation which the commitite has been investigating for the past year.

Varley was there at the appointed hour, supported by a bevy of Whitehall bureaucrats, but members of the committee were conspicuous by their absence—at least most of them. Parliamentary procedures demand a quorum of three members for the committee to go about its work.

Late starts for the subcommittee are by no means un-usual, but 15 minutes after the cheduled meeting should have ander way only two members, both Labour, were present. One was Edwin Wain-wright (Dearne Valley), the boaiga committee chairman who engaged Varley in polite corrior conversation; the other was Mike Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East), one of Varley's backbench adversaries in the light over the controversial

Abortive attempts were made to locate the missing third MP. The two regular Conservative MPs on the committee are Michael Marshall (Arandel) Michael Marshall (Arundel) end Tim Renton (Mid Sussex), but Marshall was apparently out of town and Renton quite patently was outside the palace

Variey, who had set aside meeting, took the administra national Fiscal Association ive mix-up philosophically. It is well into the inflation

reminded him, he confided, of the old Sunday Night at the London Palladium television variety show, and the bear the clock game where successful contestants were asked "Can you come back next week?"

He could think of other occasions when he would have welcomed a relief through the non-attendance of a parliamentary committee—the Chrysler UK investigation being one but he was rather looking forward to the BSC investiga-tion. Twenty minutes having elapsed it was decided that the meeting would have to be abandoned, although Thomas did suggest that Varley might agree to an informal discussion over Drax B.

Was there, we wondered, some Thatcher-inspired plot to embarrass Variey. We spoke to the absent Renton. Not so far as he was concerned, he explained. "I had intended to be at the meeting, but I was not able to get there. I am very sorry to hear that the committee lacked a quorum, but no one rang me", he said.

Sez Les

Leslie Pocock, appointed yesterday president of the Associa-tion of Certified Accountants (ACA), is not only picking up the cudgels of his predecessor, Kenneth Peters, but fashioning a few more of his own.

Pocock, now deputy group comptroller of the Royal Insurance Group, has done a lot of travelling abroad as a leading light of the British Insurance Association and the Inter-national Fiscal Association He



accounting controversy, and is now chairing a special working party of the ACA to come up with submissions on current cost accounting.

He would like to see CCA in as the common standard of accounting in Britain within two years, and is intent on spreading the CCA gospel on a forthcoming trip to the United States

But he is looking for a two way traffic in transatlantic ideas; there could, he thinks, be a lot in the American notion of having a special committee of directors in a company keeping in close touch with auditors rather than merely leaving the job to the company finance department as so often happens in Britain. Pocock is one of those people

who would eventually like to see some form of analgamation of the six main organizations catering for accountants, although he thinks the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) is getting over a lot of the practical problems. ! There was then some justifi-"Even so", he says, "it is a cation for excluding this sea-

nonsense the way the profession is so fragmented. Sooner or later we shall have to look at

He backs the Peters stand against that continuing practice of government laisser faire—the practice of allowing accounts of unquoted companies to be audited by people not members of any accountants' professional Peters has been pressuring

the government over the Department of Trade's licensing of some 200 such people and Pocock expects to keep this up. "I am not a practising accountant but I feel as strongly as practising colleagues do about this", he saivs.

He brushes away possible charges of elitism whith the remark: "I can seen nothing parricularly to be condemned in acquiring professional qualifi-cations. There is a need for standards."

Phenomenal

Isn't it about time that schoolleavers who have been unable to find jobs were officially recognized as unemployed, and included in the seasonally adjusted total of unemployment. the most usual measure of the underlying jobless trend? Time was when the number

of first-time job hunters signing on just after leaving school, shot up in April and July (and to a lesser extent in January), as a new batch of school leavers came on to the job market, and then dwindled to practically nothing for the remainder of the year.

There was then some justifi-

sonal phenomenon from the unemployment figures before applying the usual seasonal adjustment to the numbers of adults registered out of work. But the large increase in un-employment among school-leavers in the past two years is not a purely seasonal pheno-

There were, on average, about 35,000 jobless school-leavers in Great Britain in February and March this year the months of traditionally low employment among school leavers. This is nearly five times as many as were out of work years ago. And the ratio of these longer term out-of-work school leavers to the peak numbers in the summer risen sharply in the past few

This month there were more than 50,000 school leavers on the unemployment register. There is no doubt that if there had been fewer, there would have been a corresponding rise in adult unemployment. It cannot be right that the former is excluded from the adjusted measure of the dole queue while the latter would be included.

Chinese visit she might care to look into the problems of an after-care hostel in her Finchley constituency. Reader Alison Pilpel has sent in an advertisement which she saw in the Finchley Press in which the hostel is looking for a domestic assistant: "Rate of pay £96.75p per hour". But then you just can't get staff nowadays, can

Now that Mrs Thatcher has

finished her unpacking after her

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Stock markets

Oil brings best day for fortnight

forecasts for North Sea production and the hope of another cut in interest rates sent shares prices strongly ahead in thin

Thought the FT index closed 6.4 better at 427.4, much of the emphasis was on the second-line sticks. The point was well illustrated by a jobber in a range of "blue chips" who said that for the first time in his memory the day had passed without a single price being

The optimistic interest rates is that MLR will be cut by half a point this the prospect of any sort of cut the implications of oil

Up went Slough Estates 3p to 88p amid general property cher. It could have owed nothing to last year's pedestrian gain in profits nor to a notably gan in profits nor to a notably cautious statement from Mr Nigel Mobbs, chairman, in the latest accounts. Apart from mentioning the possibility of "somewhat lower" profits this year, he says that the market for industrial and commercial premises around the world remains weak, "a disturbing

revenues for the balance of payments gave the gilt-edged market a firmer look than for some days.

Having opened up a three-eighths better, short dates attracted a reasonable two-way trade at the higher levels and by the close had held on to the early gains. Turnover was lighter at the long end, but the performance of sterling was an additional factor in gains of around five-eighths to elevensixteenths.

Nordin & Peacock (10p) 1.57
Petrocon (121p) Fin 1.587
Smith St Anbyn (25p) 2.75
Spillers (25p) Fin 1.94
Tarmac (50p) Fin 5.25
Telephone Rentals (25p) Fin 3.85
Thomson T-Line (25p) Fin 1.62
Wight Cons 25p) Fin 3.96 The engineering pitch wore a firm look, particularly Hawker Siddleley which rose 18p to 592p on investment interest ahead of

its capital plans.

Both Lead Industries 11p to
157p and Vickers 5p to 176p
scored good gains ahead of

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share.

Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis.

To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Adjusted for scrip. † For 16 months.

Oils continued to against the favourable back-ground of news. In spite of having its application for exemption from dividend restraint turned down, Shell continued to be in demand and rose another 14p to 526p on the feeling that we may not have heard the last of the matter. half, future prospects tended to BP came out from under its cloud the result and the shares Wall Street cloud to rise 10p ended just half a point better to 918p and Ultramar, after a at 361p. mention here, gained 13p to

Better news from the Ekofisk Field had Petrofina £1.50 up to £103.50 and there were week, but a majority feel that more strong gains from North a reduction of one-quarter is Sea stocks like Thomson Orgmore likely. Whichever it is, anisation 24p to 532p and ICI Gas 8p to 282p.

Rights issue news caused Gieves Group to add 7 p to 57 p and Coltness to rise 1p to 38p but FJC Lilley lost 2p to 53p after its announcement. Agreed of higher profits. terms from discount house Allen Harvey & Ross led to an 8p rise to 850 for Simonside In-Allen Harvey & Ross led to an spots like Hunting Gibson 7p to 8p rise to 850 for Simonside Investment. Tollemache put on 137p, both being shares with

(and par value)

Anchor Chemical (25p)

BPM Holdings (£1 Int

Clarke Chapman De Vere Hotels (25p) Estate Duties (5) Fin

Hopkinsons (50p) Fin

Jessel, Toynbee (25p)

Kraft Props

Hoskins & Horton (20p)

Lyon & Lyon (25p) Fin

Newmans Tubes (10p) Fin Nurdin & Peacock (10p)

Gieves Group (25p) Fin

Astbury & Madeley (5p) Fin 0.63

that fresh terms may soon be fit to the property sector with announced with a rise of just Hammerson "A" rising 13p to announced with a rise of just

3p to 297p. Higher profits and a 100 per cent scrip helped Nurdin & Peacock to gain 11p to 137p in foods where the report of Reckitt & Colman was good for a gain of 7p to 365p. Though Spillers had a strong second

ar 361p. In the building sector, bullish profits from Tarmac led the way and the shares gained 4p to 154p. Sub-contractor HAT Group met with demand and firmed 450 to 4050 and crane group Richards & Wallington held firm at 550 in spite of an earlier disappointing statement. Diesel-engine maker Gardner, where Rolls-Royce has a sizable stake, were steady at 185p after news of an indication

10p to 143p as the speculators tal-cover possibilities.
took a renewed interest, while Interest rate considerations

Latest dividends

from Eastbourne "ginger group" exponent, Mr Leslie Harris at the annual meeting of pins and fasteners manufacturer, Newey Group, this afternoon. Among the points he will raise is the Newey Pension Fund's sale of 100,000 shares in the group, reducing the stake to about 150,000. On the face of it, the family has a stranglehold on the votes but Mr Harris believes that grip will be loosened by awkward question-

Expect determined questioning

James Warren was suspended at 84p, up 9p. Abead of figures today, Marks & Spencer firmeda penny to 119p while Boots, the subject of

Final figures helped Foseco Final figures helped Poseco
Minsep to a 7p gain at 160p.
Telephone Rentals were similarly lifted 10p to 100p and
Anchor Chemical rose 5p to
57p after its statement. Late in
the day, Thomson T-Line Caravans firmed a penny to 464p
after trading news

on 4p to 158p.

after trading news.

After hours, buildings, properties and stores all made fresh headway. In oils, both BP and Shell added a few pence more, while small buying helped gilts to rise one-sixteenth or so. Equity turnover on April 26 was £59.99m (15,604 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BP, ICL, GKN new, Ladbroke Hawker Siddeley, Barclays Burmah, Ultramar, Marks & Spencer, Boots, BAT Did, THF Commercial Union, National Westminster, Unilever, Nurdin & Peacock, Tollemache and Thomson Organisation.

Kuwaitis' holdings, Cazenove stand out

425p, Bradford 6p to 130p, Land Securities 5p to 184p, Great Portland 4p to 232p and Inter-european 32p to 322p. By Our Financial Staff Old standbys Lourho and the Kuwaitis entertain us vet again, The best of a quietly firm This time Lonrho says the its insurance sector was broker wholly owned subsidiary ACGE C. E. Heath which gained 10p to 525p. Britannic 8p to 134p and Royal 6p to 308p. Investments has brought 75,000. Scottish & Universal Invest-

> Fraser, Lourbo now has 24.8 per cent of the capital. The Kuwait Investment Office added to its lengthening list of revelations with a 5.65 per cent holding in Bridon; 9.86 per cent of Berry Trust; 7.17 per cent of Laporte Industries; 5.08 per cent of Howden Group; and 9.3 per cent of Trans Oceanic Trust and 5.1 per cent of Wempss

nents shares. So it has around

150,000 more than when it ac-

quired its block from Sir Hugh-

It also has 5.3 per cent of Smith and Nephew Associated. It has an interest in £1m of Aberdeen Construction's capital.

The Kuwaitis emerge as holders of nearly 6.6 per cent of the capital of Sedgwick Forbes and the Investment Office also has 8.5 per cent of Harrisons and Crosfield a broker's recommendation, put

It has, it seems, a high opinion of Chubb and Son. Here the interest is 9.65 per cent. In General Accident the holding is as big as 7.2 per cent, and in Hambros Investment Trust, 5.25 per cent.

Guinnesses has 835,736 shares in Suffolk brewer Greene, King but beneficial add family holdings and stakes linked to them are nearly 2.6m shares.

Staveley Industries has brought up its holding in Bar-ton and Sons to 10.5 per cent, while Cornhill Insurance holds 7.2 per cent of Floreat Investment.

Kuwait is not the only party in Bridon; British Steel Cor-poration has 9.93 per cent of the equity. The eye is caught by Cazenove Nominees Ltd. a front for Cawoods Holdings who have 881,610 shares or more than 5 per cent in Mixconcrete (Holdings).

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Further Growth Slough Estates

Asset Value up by £24.3m following valuation HIGHLIGHTS from the 1976 Report and Accounts

·	December 31st 1976	December 31st 1975
Profit before Tax	£6,056,000	£5,301,000
Taxation	£3,328,000	£1,925,000
Group UK Rental Income	£8,834,000	£6,767,000
Group Overseas Rental Income	£4,029,000	£2,830,000
Net Equity Assets per share	113p	83p
Earnings per share (Net)	3.0p	3.65p
Dividend per share (Net)	2.028p	1.844p

Valuation The land and buildings of the Group (excluding Canadian and German holdings) were valued at 31st December 1976 and showed a net surplus over book value of £24,311,000. This sum has been credited to Capital Reserves.

United Kingdom Although the market for factories and warehouses has generally been quiet a number of new lettings were made; this coupled with reversions and rent reviews has resulted in a substantial increase in rental income.

Overseas Letting conditions have generally been difficult. Whilst Australian activities improved the Canadian construction programme was reduced in line with lower demand. The increase in rental income reflects the reduced value of sterling.

Commercial Two office developments in Brussels are now completed. The first to be finished has now been sold at a small profit. The second is in a prime location. At Sheffield some space has been let but the office area is available for letting.

Taxation The taxation charge includes deferred taxation of £1,645,000 (1975 £767,000) including a prior year provision of £162,000 compared with a credit of £449,000 in 1975.

Accounts Copies of the Annual Report are available from the



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FINANCIAL NEWS

Telephone Rentals tops first-time £9m

A record pre-tax profit for the twentieth year running is reported by Telephone Rentals, communications and controls

on turnover up by 12.58 per cent to £29.49m for 1976, profits before tax rose 13.64 per cent to £9.61m. Profits are after charging heavier depreciation of £3.02m, against £2.86m, head of £3.02m, against £2.86m, head controlled the board told share holders that new rental business in the first nine months of fice relocation expenses of 1203,000, against nil, and included TR's share of associates' profits of £336,000 (£282,000) and interest received of £403,000 (£275,000).

The total gross dividend is being raised from 7.3p to 8.04p. Earnings per share expanded from 9.82p to 11.16p. During the year, rental turnover was up from £14.25m to £16.2m and sales turnover from £11.94m to

business secured for the first quarter of 1977 were at "very high levels and considerably in d by Telephone Reutals, excess of the first quarter of 1976. Providing no adverse economic situations arise in the

ness in the first nine months of 1976 showed a satisfactory increase over the similar 1975 period. But, as expected, new sales business showed some diminution. In spite of the UK monetary and economic situa-tion and after taking into account expenses associated with relocating headquarters to the year, rental turnover was militon Keynes last November (now shown to have cost £203,000) they expected the year's results to show an improvement over 1975.

Fraser buys buildings adjacent to A & N store

new Army & Navy store building in Victoria Street, have been deemed to have a direct interest in Amcal.

The report shows that Sir building in Victoria Street,

Sir Hugh added that he took climbed 5p to 103p on Sir no part in the board's decision Hugh's comment that sales are to purchase the property in better than expected six months view of his own shareholding ago and profits are on target.

in Scottish & Universal Invest-House of Fraser has paid £2m ments through which he could have been deemed to have a London.

In the annual report Sir Hugh Fraser points out that Amcal which has been developing the Victoria Street site had been letting A&N use the premises on a temporary basis free-of-charge.

Sir Hugh added that he took no part in the board's decision

Hugh's beneficial interest in the ordinary capital of House of Fraser shares. At the same time he is shown to be interested as a trustee in 2.48m shares against 2.3m at the end of January, 1976. House of Fraser shares climbed 5p to 103p on Sir Hugh's comment that sales are

Home Charm ease margin pressure by higher sales

By Ronald Pullen Higher sales chiefly from increased selling space are still offsetting pressure on margins at do-it-yourself retailers Home

rivals A. G. Stanley. Thanks to the improving product mix towards wall-cover-ings, trading margins recovered slightly in the second half. The 30 per cent rise in floor space helped raise sales 47 per cent to £17.4m and pre-tax profits, after a once-and-for-all £80,000

write-off in the United States. rose 14 per cent to just over flm. The maximum rise in the dividend to 4.99p a share gross gives a yield of 6 per cent at 83p.

Hopkinsons up

A turnround at the J. Blake-borough subsidiary was a big factor in an 81 per cent profits leap to a record £4.3m before tax for the year to January 28 at Hopkinsons Holdings. Turnover of this maker of boiler mountings and valves rose 24 per cent to £32.9m. Earnings a share are 18.48p against 13.42p, while the dividend is up from 6.34p to 6.97p gross.

Newarthill soars

On a slight rise in turnover from £171m to £174m, Newart-

hill, the construction, property, investment and aircraft charter-ing group headed by Sir Robert McAlpine, has rebounded 186 per cent to a record pre-tax profit of £5.2m. The dividend is Charm. The group looks to be profit of £5.2m. The dividend is consolidaring its lead over near raised from 6.15p to 6.7p gross and earnings a share are 13.2p against 6.2p. The interim results were held down by further on the North Sea oil platforms. In February the group said that progress in the contracts for these had ben made, and a recovery against losses was on the way.

BPM going well

to £18.9m for the six months to January 1, BPM Holdigns— formerly Birmingham Post & Mail, pushed pre-tax profits up from £400,000 to £529,000. The

A leap in pre-tax profits from £495,000 to £1.15m has been achieved by De Vere Hotels & Restaurants for 1976. Turnover rose from £10.5m to £12.3m. Current trading is satisfactory, and profits for the current year should show a "substantial improvement".



Océ-Van der Grinten N.V., Venio (Holland)

61% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 1984

Due to the decision to issue to holders of ordinary shares in the above mentioned company one new ordinary share at a price of Dfl. 142,50 for every five outstanding shares, the new conversion-price for the above mentioned convertible debentures will be

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GARDNER

Manufacturers and marketers of diesel engines and ancillary equipment

HIGHLIGHTS 1976

- ★ Profit before tax £1,635,000, a record for the Company and double that for last year. Dividend maximum
- * Plans are well ahead for extending and expanding our capital expenditure programme.
- * In 1976 we made and sold 4,500 engines—in 1977 we plan to make and sell over 5,000.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDITIONAL REMARKS

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 27th April, 1977, the Chairman, Mr. Clayton Flint, announced that the unaudited management accounts for the first quarter of the current year indicate a substantially higher annual rate of profit than that earned in the second half of 1976.

L. GARDNER & SONS LTD.

Bumper year as Nurdin Lilley, Gieves and Coltness in cash calls to raise £2m in cash calls to raise £2m gives a

1-for-1 scrip

By Tony May The substantial increase in profits forecast by Nurdin & Peacock for the year to January 1 takes the form of a 42 per cent rise to a record £4.1m. Sales went up 26 per cent to give a rise in margins from 2.14 per cent to 2.4 per cent. The board proposes a one-for-one scrip issue, while on attrib-utable profits of £1.98m against

\$1.39m, the dividend of this cash-and-carry wholesaler goes up from 4.62p to 5.08p gross. Earnings a share are 13.8p against 10.2p.

In the market, where some think that the group is a take. In the market, where some think that the group is a takeover prospect, the results earned the group an 11p regin its shares to 137p, where the yield is 3.7 per cent.

The second half-year brought a 44 per cent rise in profits to £3m. The board says that the improvement continues and the first quarter shows a rise of

the first quarter shows a rise of 27 per cent in sales.

The first half year will see the opening of a new branch

in Nottingham, and an extension of the Isle of Wight

By Ashley Druker Three cash-raising operations involving a total of about 52m

were announced yesterday. By far the biggest came from civil engineering and construction group F. J. C. Lilley. With a £1.7m cash call on shareholders. it offers a total of 4.75 million shares at 36p each by means of two-for-five rights issue.

The other two are Gieves Group, the Savile Row tailors, which is seeking just over £200,000. The group, which also has interests in publishing and car dealing, is offering a one-The other two are Gieves
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Mr James Aitken, chairman
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January 31, 1978, of 2.5p net. Treasury permission has been granted. The issue has been underwritten by Scottish Industrial Finance, Parsons & Co are

the brokers.

trial fastenings, plans a one-for- (from £15m to £34m), conseven rights at 28p to raise siderable sums have been about £190,000.

Lilley intends to recommend ing Millars Well Point Intertotal dividends for the year to national and Wilson Pipe Fit-

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Gieves also reports full-time results for the year to January 31, increased 43.7 per cent to £781,000. The proceeds are for expansion of two subsidiaries. Turnover rose from £21.7m to

Anchor Chem in major shift

By Ray Maughan

Stripping out its poorer profit earners, enjoying the stability of the end of the savage destocking cycle and jacking up its market shares, specialist chemical group Anchor Chemical made a strong recovery in

1976.
After 1975 when the maintained dividend took a measure of resolve in the face of losses running to £62,000, Anchor turned in pre-tax profits of

Extraordinary items of £31,000 included compensation of £45,000 on the cessation of the Carbon Black distributorship—a high working capital consumer whose contribution had been steadily diminishing in the face of severe competition. Its closure marks a major shift in Anchor's trading emphasis.

Three years ago, some 80 per cent of profits came from dis-

tribution with the test from

manufacturing. Lord Hewlett, chairman, believes these proportions will soon be reversed. are the new chemical plants at Clayton. Costing £400,000 but funded on a sale and lease-back basis, they produce anti-oxidant additives, vital in the prevention of the degradation of rubber. The chairman says many former.
The chairman says many former
manufacturers have quit the industry, leaving the field open
for Anchor.

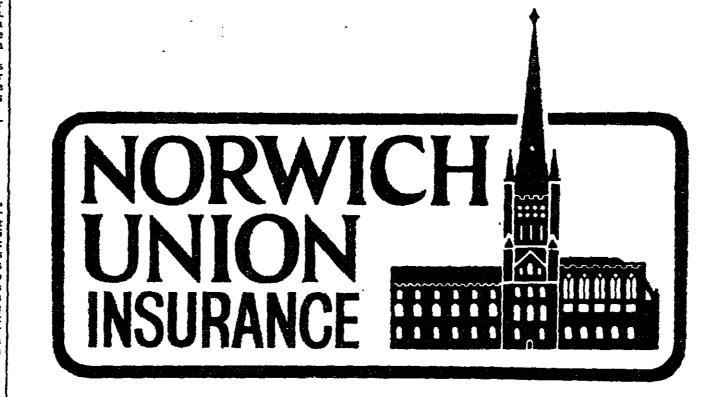
THE GIEVES "Increase in profits in a difficult year"

MICHAEL KEELING, Chairman * TURNOVER UP 13.4% *PRE-TAX PROFIT UP 43.7%

*DIVIDENDS UP 86.1% TEARNINGS PER ORD. SHARE DIVIDENDS PER SHARE NET 8.0p 2.14vp

sted for Right: Issue

RIGHTS ISSUE The Group is raising £209,000 by way of a one for six rights issue for the expansion of sidiary companies' activities.
SHAREHOLDERS CONCESSION The Group tends to introduce a scheme for individual Ordinary Shareholders enabling them to get a 20% discount at any Gieves & Hawkes branch. Details will accompany the Annual Reports and





Extract from the Statement and Review for 1976 by Mr Desmond E. Longe MC, DL, Chairman of the Norwich Union Insurance Group

It is not by chance that the results achieved by the Norwich Union Group are so very satisfactory. It is the outcome of diligent and persistent hard work by all members of the staff; hard work which has continued for many years and which in 1976 has produced particularly good results. The substantial increase in Life annual premiums of £26 million to a total of £159 million and the record level of Fire Society pre-tax profits of £24 million are both outstanding achievements and I am very happy to congratulate all concerned.

In the autumn, the Labour Party Annual Conference passed a resolution supporting the nationalisation of seven large insurance companies. This represents the first shot in the battle to control the funds of the insurance companies. State monopoly of these funds would put into the hands of the ruling political party control of a major part of the economic activity of this country in a manner which would leave

them answerable neither to Parliament nor to policyholders. The Wilson Committee set up to review the working of the financial institutions has invited the insurance industry to give evidence. We welcome the opportunity that this offers for the proper presentation of the role of insurance, both as an earner of foreign currency and as a channel of personal

As substantial investors we are very concerned about the greatly reduced role of the shareholder should the Bullock report be accepted and its proposals be enacted. Our policyholders should be fully aware that their representatives on Boards of companies in which their savings and pension contributions are being invested would be in the minority: a situation which could lead to a reduced emphasis on the need to make profits and the distribution of a reasonable proportion of these profits.

LIFE SOCIETY

For the Life Society 1976 was a most successful year. In the United Kingdom the national policy of wage restraint did not curtail our Pensions business to the extent expected, and we enjoyed an increase of 10%, while a 35% growth in Ordinary Business brought the overall increase up to 19%.

In 1976 we purchased over £70 million of Government stock much of it at yields exceeding 16%. We supported new issues of ordinary share capital both by sharing in the underwriting and by subscribing a total of £6 million, and through our subsidiaries Eastlease and Norwich General Trust we put £13 million into vigorous and successful companies by way of loans or the leasing of capital equipment. We are proud of our activities in the provision of office accommodation, shopping centres, factories and warehouses, much of it in partnership with Local Authorities. We fully expect the £28 million applied in that direction to prove a wise investment for our policyholders' funds. At the end of 1976 in the United

Kingdom 29% of our assets were in ordinary shares, 35% in Real Estate and 16% in Government Stocks. The balance was in other fixed interest securities or cash,

We regard our dual system of bonus distribution as a means of overcoming the limitations of reversionary bonuses in producing fairness to holders of maturing policies, when investment values are fluctuating widely. The Directors decided to increase additional bonuses in the United Kingdom but to maintain rates of reversionary bonus at last year's levels in almost every territory. One of the exceptions is France, where a further increase has been possible.

FIRE SOCIETY

One of the most significant events in the history of the Society was completed in 1976. Last year I referred to discussions taking place with Winterthur Swiss Insurance Company and Chiyoda Insurance of Japan with a view to forming a joint venture to develop an international insurance and reinsurance network. These negotiations were completed last July with the formation in the United Kingdom of Norwich Winterthur Holdings, in which the Fire Society has a 45% holding. The new company, into which we have transferred the Parcels & General and most of our overseas short-term business, excluding Europe, will have an annual premium income of some £100 million.

It is particularly gratifying that in the last year of operating with a major overseas branch organisation our pre-tax profit showed an increase of £8 million over 1975.

The Home Fire account has produced a satisfactory result, but the same cannot be said for our Home Accident account, largely because of the adverse results experienced in Household and Personal insurance. The storms in January

Norwich Union Facts and Figures LIFE SOCIETY

	1976	1975
Annual premium income	£159.5 m	£133.4 m
Single premium income	£24.0 m	£13.2 m
Investment income	£114.9 m	£92.4 m
Surplus distributed	£33.7 m	£27.9 m

1975
n £150.8 m
n £16.7 m
n £1.3 m
n £16,3 m
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1976 caused heavy damage and the second dry summer in succession led to an unprecedented number of claims for

The Home Motor account produced a very much improved result. In the United Kingdom we made a very useful underwriting profit following an improvement in claims costs and expenses.

Difficult conditions continue in the Marine Market, and the bulk of Aviation business is still under-priced due to over-

BANKING DIVISION

Despite the world-wide recession we can feel satisfied with the progress made by the AP Bank and the Norwich General Trust. After-tax profits of the two companies amounted to £2.0 million. Dividends paid after taking into account the imputed tax credit, resulted in a gross amount of £1.9 million being received by the Life Society.

BOARD

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, Vice Chairman Dr. K. A. Latter and Mr. Eric D. Mackintosh retire from the Board. Our best wishes go to them both and we thank them for the outstanding service which they have given over many years. Dr. Latter will continue as our Chief Medical Adviser and we congratulate him on his appointment as President of the International Committee for Life Assurance Medicine.

At the beginning of 1977 Mr. P. W. Sharman was elected Chairman of the Life Offices' Association, and Mr. C. H. Moore Chairman of "Thatcham", the Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I must again express my gratitude to my fellow Directors, to Mr. Sharman, our Chief General Manager, and his team of executive and staff throughout the world for their magnificent efforts and results.

This is no formal vote of thanks but deeply felt. It is the team spirit of the Norwich Union Group, together with the expertise and efficiency of individuals which makes such highly satisfactory reporting possible.

The Annual General Meeting of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society will be held on 10th May 1977 in Norwich.

Copies of the Directors' Report and Group Accounts and the Chairman's full Statement may be obtained from the Norwich Union Insurance Group, P.O. Box 48, Norwich

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CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED

INCREASED BONUSES TO C·I·S POLICYHOLDERS

Meeting of the Co-operative Insurance Society Limited held in Manchester on April 27, are so badly managed as to fail.

1977, Mr H. A. Toogood, Chair- Ir would be better for the man_reported:

"I began my report last year by referring to the encouraging failures. signs of widespread support for firm action to bring inflation lation under the Insurance Acts under control. The past year, however, has been a more difficult period for this country than had been expected. The fall in external value of sterling insurance companies with adeled to a reversal of the downward trend in the rate of inflation, and although there seem to be good prospects that if counter-inflation policies are maintained the rate will again start to fall later this year, the immediate outlook is that inflation will continue at around the present very high level for some months to come.

I am happy to be able to report that the CIS has had a generally successful year in spite of these difficult circumstances. Our premium income has shown an encouraging increase, and we have been able to declare increased bonus rates on our life assurance policies and strengthen the free reserves which support our non-life business. The Society's success is based on the hard work of all the staff and I am glad to take this opportunity to thank them during the past year.

Control of Investments

The main political events affecting insurance during the year were the acceptance by the Labour Party Conference of proposals to nationalize a secion of the insurance industry, and the subsequent setting up by the Government of the Wilson Committee.

The principal argument out forward for nationalising the whole or part of the insurance industry is that it would achieve greater use of investment capital for purposes considered socially desirable. Let me make it clear that we have every sympathy with the view that pro-jects which are genui. My nec;ssary in the interests of the community should not be starved of investment capital. However, if those projects cannot obtain finance through capital-raising machinery they must necessarily involve a greater risk of loss of capital or a poorer income other investments available. It follows that to take the funds of insurance companies for such projects would penalise those who save through life assurance by comparison with those who save through other

Those who save through life assurance come mainly from the lower income groups. The great bulk of the funds of the Society are the savings of our life assurance policyholders the life savings of millions of individual people—and in investing their funds we act as trustees for these millions of individual savers and invest the funds solely in their interests. Life assurance and pension funds are virtually the only methods of long term saving. used by the less wealthy sections of the community. The wealthy and financially more sophisticated are able to use other methods which are often designed to obtain taxation advantages. Short of adopting a virtually totalitarian economy it would be impossible to make these sources of investment capital subject to the same control that could be imposed on insurance funds. Hence the kinds of investment considered less socially desirable (although often more profitable) would still attract funds from these sources and the penalty, or disguised tax, imposed by the direction of insurance funds to investments for which capital cannot be found in the normal way would fall predominantly on the lower income groups.

If the Government of the day wishes to ensure that finance is provided for projects which it considers to be socially desir-able, but which cannot attract capital in the open market because of lack of profit prospects and risk of capital losses, then there are already many methods the Government can adopt-direct investment of Government funds, Government guarantees and subsidies, and special taxation reliefs. These methods enable any financial burden to be borne by the community as a whole and are consequently much fairer and more in accord with Labour and Co-operative principles, than the adoption of a method that would place any burden on those who save through life assurance and thus on the lower income groups.

Insurance Legislation

The first levy under the Policyholders' Protection Act a levy of £1.6 million-was made during the year and despite the requirements of the Act the Policyholders' Protection Board has not been prepared to dis-close fully the purposes for which this levy was required. There could hardly be an Act of Parliament more inappropriately named than the Policyholders' Protection Act. It gives no protection whatever to policyholders in sound insurance companies such as the CIS but merely appropriates part of crease in the size of the Society's

nor does it give adequate protection to those policyholders in insurance companies which Government to take effective steps to prohibit the practices which inevitably lead to such

The spate of delegated legishas continued unabated during the year, with requirements for ever more elaborate returns. Such elaboration is unnecessary in the case of soundly-managed quate capital or a sufficient volume of with-profit business, and wasteful because it imposes very considerable expense which has to be borne by policyhold-ers and tax payers. If a badlymanaged insurance company without adequate capital with-profit business issues a substantial volume of business at premium rates that are too low, or mismanages a substan-tial proportion of its investments, then sooner or later that company will inevitably fail, turns can possibly prevent this.

Investments During 1976 the movements of interest rates and stock

influenced by the deterioration that took place in the value of sterling and its effects on the economy and on the Govern-ment's economic policies. The weakness of sterling, which be-gan to manifest itself early in the year, reached an alarming scale in the autumn, forcing the Government to seek the support of the International Mone-tary Fund, to raise interest rates to extremely high levels and to introduce other deflationary measures. At their lowest, late in October, ordinary share prices were more than 30 per cent below the peak they had reached early in the year. The prices of fixed interest securities were also depressed and interest rates on long-dated British Government stocks were over 16 per cent as compared with 14 per cent earlier in the year. The actions taken by the Government, coupled with subsequent international arrangements to reduce sterling's vulnerability, were fortunately sufficient to restore stability to the value of the currency, and stock exchange prices recovered strongly to finish the year only a little below their levels at the

The property investment market was more active than it had been in the previous year and the interest yields obtainable on the better types of investment fell during the year. Property development activity, however, continued to be inhibited both by the depressed condition of the national economy and uncertainty arising from the complexities of the recent legislation affecting land usage and taxation, which is embodied in the Community Land Act and the Development Land Tax Act.

Because of the doubts about the future that persisted for much of the year we adopted a cautious approach to the invest-ment of the Society's funds, allowing the amounts on short term deposits to increase until near the end of the year.

As you will see from the balance sheer relating to the C.LS. alone, a little over half the amount available for investment in the long term fund was applied, in roughly equal amounts, to ordinary shares and property, the remainder being devoted to fixed interest investments. The major part of the acquisitions of ordinary shares in the first half of the year was by way of taking up rights issues, but as share prices fell later in the year and the flow of rights issues diminished and eventually ceased there was an increased amount of purchases in the market. The property investments consisted, in the main, of the provision of finance for developments currently progress that were started in previous years, but there were also some purchases of further interests in properties already owned by the Society.

The balance sheet relating to the Society together with the relevant note to the accounts in-dicate a large increase, in terms of sterling value, in the over-seas currency loans to the Society to finance portfolio investment overseas. This increase arose almost wholly from the effect of the big fall during the year in the value of sterling and there was, of course, an increase of corresponding proportions in the sterling value of the investments acquired by means of the

In the general fund, most of the new money was invested in British Government and other fixed-interest securities, but there were some additions to the ordinary share and property portfolios held in this fund.

The investment income in each fund was substantially higher than in 1975. In the long term fund the incresse derived mainly from large rises ordinary share dividends and income from property. The increase in the general fund reflected the larger size of the fixed-interest portfolio in 1976 and the generally higher levels

of interest rates. After allowing for the in-

At the 109th Annual General their savings from time to time; ordinary share portfolios, the account shows an underwriting their savings from time to time; ordinary share dividends received during the year was well in excess of the limit of 10 per cent that normally applies to the increase that companies are permitted to make in their dividend distrithere are several sets of circumstances in which there are exceptions to the rule, and many companies have thereby been able to make much larger per-centage increases. For other companies a 10 per cent increase has tended to become a norm and most of them that have not use of the exceptions have felt constrained to declare an increase of that size even though, had the limit not been in existence, they might have made a smaller increase, or not increased their dividend at all. In this situation it is doubtful whether it is worth retaining a rule which is distorting the pattern of dividend distributions. tions whilst having probably little effect on the total increase in companies' dividends.

The differences between the Society's balance sheet and the consolidated balance sheet arise largely from the incorporation in the latter of the accounts of The Oldham Estate Company Limited. The principal difference is in the figure representation. property, which is much larger in the consolidated sheet because of the inclusion of the whole of the amount of Oldbam's property assets as stated in that company's accounts. In considering the figure in the consolidated balance sheet it is, of course, necessary to have regard to the interest in Oldham of that com-pany's other shareholders, the amount of which is shown separately in the final item in the consolidated balance sheet.

Rochdale Insurance Company

During 1976 the Society disposed of its entire interest in Rochdale Insurance Company, which was a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Society, registered in the United States and conducting reinsurance business there. The Society established the company in 1955 as part of the arrangements that were developed after the last war for the exchange of reinsurance between co-operative insurance societies throughout the world. Rochdale served a valuable purpose in this context for a number of years, but with the growth into substantial organizations of the insurance societies that it served, its index so as to make a reasonobjectives were The proportion of achieved. its business arising from oecome quite small and we on which a loss occurs, and for therefore took an opportunity that presented itself last year to sell our shareholding on a satisfactory basis.

Life Assurance

The year 1976 witnessed a notable landmark in our life assurance business with total premium income exceeding £100 million for the first time.

The annual premium income on new policies was £19.2 million, securing new sums assured (including the capital value of income benefits) of £674 million and new annuities of £0.5 million per annum. The life assurance figures represent new records for the Society.

The surplus on our life business has again shown a sub-stantial increase and I am pleased to announce, therefore, increases in our rates of reversionary bonus. In the Ordinary Section the rate of reversionary bonus has been increased from 3.60 per cent to 4.00 per cen

for assurances and from 5.75 per cent to 7.00 per cent for pension annuities and retire-ment benefits. In the Industrial Section the bonus on the main tables has been increased from 2.30 per cent to 2.50 per CIS terminal bonuses do not

depend directly on the level of market values which reflect the prices at which sales and purchase take place, but reflect primarily the increase in the net asset values of the numerous companies and properties in which we invest. These values again increased during 1976 and consequently we have been able to make further significant improvements in our rates of terminal bonus. In the Ordinary Section the terminal bonus varies from 0.5 per cent of the participating sum assured for assurance policies with four complete years' premiums due and paid to 79.0 per cent for policies with 47 or more complete years' premiums due and paid. In the Industrial Section the terminal bonus under the main tables varies from 0.4 per cent to 62.0 per cent.

Motor Insurance

results shown in for our non-life accounts (excluding marine, business aviation and transport) are affected by a change accounting practice, in that at the end of 1976 we have made specific provision for the estimated expenses associated with the settlement of the outstanding claims, including claims incurred but not reported. In the motor account this pro-vision amounted to £1.4 million: in the other accounts the provisions required were smaller.

After making this new specific provision, the motor

underwriting profit was 50.5 million. The improvement in the underwriting result, despite a somewhat higher claim frequency than in 1975, can be attributed to the fall in the butions. The reason is that rate of inflation between 1975 and 1976. There was a marked deterioration in the claims experience for mator cycles, with a much higher frequency of claims and a more pronounced escalation of claim costs than that for private cars. We have therefore had to in crease our premium rates for motor cycles quite sharply, although the rate of increase in our premiums as from 1st April, 1977, averaged over all classes of vehicle, is well below the current rate of inflation.

The premium income rose from £26.8 million in 1975 to £43.0 million in 1976, a rise of £6.2 million compared with the rise of £5.5 million reported

Property Insurance The premium income increased from E21.7 million in

1975 to £26.7 million in 1976. a rise of 55.0 million compared with the rise of 55.1 million reported last year.

The year began with the worst storms and floods for many years, resulting in claims from 45,000 policyholders whose property had been damaged. The cost of these claims was £2.3 million. The exceptionally dry summer led to a big in-crease in the number of claims for subsidence, especially in the South of England. The outcome is that the property account shows an underwriting loss of E0.9 million, compared with a profit of £1.2 million in 1975. In November we introduced new arrangements to encourage the holders of our domestic combined policies to increase their sums insured and make sure that their insurance protection is fully adequate. are inviting renewal on the basis of increased sums insured, except in the case of policies on which the sum insured has been increased fairly recently.

At the same time we are stress-ing that the responsibility for seeing that the sum insured is adequate rests with the policyholder, and our arrangements make it easy for him to revise the suggested sum insured upwards or downwards when he has made his own assessment of the sum required. On policies covering buildings, the sum in-sured is being linked to an able allowance for any rise in building costs between the date on which the policy is taken out or renewed and the date

Business

The premium income from the remaining classes of non-life business increased from £7.3 million to £9.4 million. The underwriting loss was again about £0.2 million, despite a small profit on the liability

have increased general reserve, which at the end of 1975 stood at £24.15 by transferring £2.2 million from the long-term business fund and £4.25 million from the profit and loss account. The general reserve therefore stands at £30.6 million increased from 39 per cent to 41 per cent of general business

Board and Management Changes During the year Mr. L. A. Harrison retired from the Board of directors. Mr. Harrison, who joined the Board in 1973, was an outstanding servant of the Co-operative Movement. In addition to being Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Notting ham Society, he has been Chairman of the C.W.S., a director of the Co-operative Bank, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Co-operative Union and a member of the Central Committee of the International Co-operative Alliance. We have been fortunate to have him as a member of the Board and we thank him for his services to the Society.

In replacement Mr. P. Paxton has been appointed a director and he will, I am sure. contribute a great deal to the C.I.S. We extend him a warm welcome to the Board. We are also fortunate that Mr Harrison's successor as Chairman of the C.W.S., Mr W. H. Farrow, is already a member of the Board, and we congratulate him and wish him every success in his new appointment.

Mr J. E. Dunkerley, Assistant General Manager, will retire in June, 1977. He joined the Society in 1929, most of his early career being in Industrial life department, of which he became Superintendent in 1956 and Controller in 1962. In 1963 became Manager (Administration) and three years later was appointed Assistant General Manager. He will thus have completed eleven years in this position where he has rendered great service to the Society. He will take with him our warmest good wishes for a happy retirement. He will be succeeded by Mr. A. H. Liddle, at present Manager (Administration). The report and accounts were

FINANCIAL NEWS

Norwich Union chief predicts 'chaos' over State pensions

Some elements of the Labour Party "persist in their determination to ignore the basic truth that the country's prosperity depends upon encouragement being given to people as individuals to contribute to the efforts of industry and commerce, primarily in the private sector, which creates the wealth for the politicians to So thunders Mr spend » Desmond Longe in his chairman's statement with Norwich Union Insurance Group's 1976 accounts.

Predicting chaos before the end of the year among employers grappling with the introduction of the Stare's pension scheme, and detailing his reasons for describing the Report of the Bullock Committee as "another time-consuming irrelevance", Mr Louge takes full advantage of the chairman's statement as a

a warning that the Labour Party's professed views on nationalization "represent the first shot in a battle to control the funds of the insurance companies."

of Government control, Norwich Union increased its bonus distribution to life policy holders to a record 537m and achieved a 524m pre-tax profit on its non-life business despite subsidence claims of £2.5m. Consolidated funds of the life side topped the £1,000m mark at £1.114.7m with annual life premiums up by £26m to £159m. Investments of £30m in property last year plus a relatively conservative revaluation

of the group's portfolio, marked Norwich's total property holdings up to £481m, around a third of its total assets and putting it comfortably amongst the top

platform for his views. He gives

Without the dubious benefits

Mr Desmond Longe involvement Norwich followed

five property groups in the gilts, much at rates of over 16 country. Despite the property per cent.

ket into Government Securities last year, putting £70m of its £120m of investable funds into

Revlon's facelift in opening quarter

Revion, the cosmetics and health care group, reports in New York record sales, earnings and earnings a share the first quarter to March 31. Ner sales rose 21.8 per ceru to \$241.5m and pre-tax earnings improved 22.6 per cent to \$39.5m. The net increased 22.8

per cent to \$21.4m. Earnings a share were up from 58 to 70 cents. Mr M. C. Bergerac, chairman, said that the sales and earnings gains came from improvement in both the health and beauty sectors.

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Briefly

No stopping

The board of the Coral

Leisure Group is confident that the group's existing activities

will give a good account of themselves in the current year.

and, while some caution is

appropriate, Coral's board has

"every expectation" that turn-over and profits in 1977 will

both show a "substantial im-provement" over 1976. In his annual report, Mr N. Coral, the

chairman, tells shareholders

that all trading divisions have

made a good start to the cur-

rent year and without exception

than for the same period last

For the first nine months to March 31, Capitol Industries-EMI's net income was US 57.71m

1\$2.34 per share) on sales of 5157.6m, compared with 55.91m (\$1.78) and \$116.33m respectively

Detrils have been given in the annual reports of Vaal Reefs Exploration and Southvaal Hold-

ings of a proposed increase in the

vanium production capacity at the Vaal Reefs mine at a cost, estimated in 1976 money terms, of R60m, to be spent over the years 1977 to 1980.

Dundonian is extending its activities into energy conservation with the establishment of a com-

pany to develop and market fuel-

PETROCON GROUP
Turnover for 16 months to Dec
31, £13.71m (£9.54m for 12

months). Pre-tax profit. E1.5m (E1.28m). Total gross payment, 9.08p (6.03p).

Business appointments

Equity and Law

Mr R. A. E. Herbert and Mr M. Kench base been elected directors of Equity and Law Life

pointed managing director of Premier Consolidated Oilfields. Mr R. M. Cox. Johnson and Mr P. J. Ellis Jones have joined the board. Mr R. J. O. Lascelles con-

tinues as an executive director.

Mr Gerald Aspell, vice-chair
man of the Leicester Building

Society, is to become chairman on January 1, next year, in suc-cession to Mr Basil Sharman, who

is retiring. The new vice-chair-man will be Mr Roy Kemp. Mr G. Van Schaik has been

made deputy chairman and Mr Colin Campbell executive vice-chairman of the Duncan, Gilbey and Matheson Group. Mr A. C. M. Landsberg joins the board

Mr Barry Sutton becomes man

ceeds Mr Alastair Eadie who has become joint managing director of Gilbey Vintners and Morgan

Furze. Mr Lesiie Pacock, deputy grout

comptroller of Royal Insurance Group, has been elected presi-dent of the Council of the Associ-

dent of the Council of the Association of Certified Accountants.
Mr C. M. Glover, executive
director of Lloyd's Register of
Shipping, is to redre on June 30
and will be succeeded by Mr
Bryan Hildrew, who becomes
managing director of the society
from July 1

from July 1.
Mr Richard Cox-Johnson, man

aging director of The English Association of American Boud & Share Holders, has been made

chairman of a new subsidiary. The English Association Investment Trading Company. Mr Ronald

Trading Company. Mr Ronald Chandler becomes managing director and Mr Malcolm Portlock joins the board.

Mr G. R. T. Heaney has been appointed to the hoard of C. C. P. North Sea Associates.

Mr Richard Pears, managing director of Warriner and Mason (Holdings), is to be chalrman of Nationwide Food Distributors.

Life elects

two directors

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Net profit of Bekaert group of Belgium, a major European

wiremaker, rose 169 per cent to 565m francs in 1976. The rise in earnings came primarily

from a 34.7 per cent increase in the parent company's net profit, up to 441m from 285m francs.—AP-DJ. Rolinco confidence

International

In its March interim report Rolinco shows its confidence in the world's economic prospects. Almost fully invested on March 1, the emphasis is on America

and the Far East, in which areas some two-thirds of assets have been invested. As at March 1, America took 44.4 per cent, Europe 28 per cent, Asia and Australia 24.5 per cent, and other assets 3.1 per

Kaufhof pays same Cologne, April 27.-Kaufhof

largest department store chain, is to pay an unchanged divi dend of Dm10 in spite of a fall in net profit from Dm90.5m to Dm63.2m (about £16m). As known, group sales last year rose from Dm6,690m to Dm6,930m.—AP-DJ.

Jessel T'beer edges Smith St Aubyn on gilt boom

Results from two discount houses for the year to early April, out vesterday, indicate rather different fortunes. Smith St Aubyn announced a profit of fl. Sm after tax, rebate and a transfer to contingencies reserve of £300,000, as well as a substantial increase in the valuation reserve. This represented only a small increase sented only a small increase over the £1.35m announced for the preceding year, but the group is nevertheless increasing its dividend by the maximum. permitted, to 6.9p per share...

Jessel, Toynbee is also lifting its dividend by the maximum permitted, to 7.03p a share, but in this case the net profit appounced (after providing for rebate, taxation and an unguantified transfer to the contingen-E805,000 to £1.01m.

Both companies made a loss at the interim stage, and the explanation for the discrepancy in second half performance, seems to lie in the fact ther-Jessel, Toynbee was on the giltedged bandwagon of the first three months of this year rather earlier, and with rather more exposure. Although unform £5.56m to £17.08m at the vear-end, the group's boldings of gilts were down on the levels reached in February and March, following profit-taking. And reflecting a cautious approach to the current year, lessel. Toyabee's book is now down below the year-end total

of £277m, and its maturity is continuing to decline. Jessel is also to make a 1-for-4 scrip

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Jessel, Toynbee & Co.Limited

Bill Brokers and Bankers

Preliminary Statement

The profit is stated after providing for rebate, taxation and all expenses and after transfer to reserve for contingencies.

	1976/77.	1975/76
Net profit	£1,011,170	£804,521
Transfer to general reserve (1976 to inner reserves)	500,000	500,000
Crdinary dividends interim paid final proposed	73,863 312,074	73,863 276,989
Balance carried forward on profit and loss account	551,544	426,311
The proposed final dividend is 14.7875% making a total in	et distribution of	18.2875%

which is the maximum permitted. There is to be a 1:4 bonus issue and the directors would have recommended that the above dividend should be paid on the capital increased in this way if they had

laner reserves have been increased by an amount larger than that transferred from profit and loss account to general reserve and they now stand at a new record level.

	5th April, 1977	5th April, 1976
Capital and reserves	5,291,846	4.666.613
Loans and deposits, etc.	272,064,356	267.631,281
:	£277,356,202	£272,297,894
Leasehold premises	16,800	50.400
Cash at bank and amounts receivable	219,936	330.280
British Government treasury bills	110,230,730	111.528.336
Commercial and other bills	75,486,241	81.864.791
Sterling certificates of deposit	40,344,257	25,817,218
US dollar certificates of deposit	15,172,749	29,071,994
Loans	1,000,000	1,225,000
British Government and corporation securities, local authority bonds and		
other investments: Quoted	17,085,823	5,559,738
Unquoted	17,799,666	16,850,137

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR 1976 1975 9,748,000 Turnover 8,880,000 **Operating Profit** 474,000 24,000 Profit before Tax 423,000 (62,000) Ordinary Dividends 96,000 82,000 Earnings per share 9.08p

Recommended maximum permitted total dividend 3.69511p per share (1975-3.35919p).

Comments by the Chairman, Lord Hewlett:—

- * The Group has made a complete recovery from the setback in 1975.
- The second half of the year has benefited from the contribution of the new chemical plants at Clayton, together with the considerable improvement in overseas earnings.
- * The outlook for 1977 is encouraging. The overseas Companies are continuing to grow while a full year's contribution from the new plants in the UK should ensure that Anchor increases its market share. 1977 should show a further improvement.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available from the Secretary, Anchor Chemical Company Limited, Clayton Lane, Clayton, Manchester, M11 4SR.

Specialist chemical manufacturers serving the rubber, plastic and surface coating industries.

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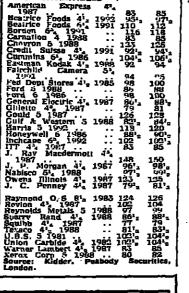
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35	27	Airsprung Ord	35	_	4.2	12.1	6.9
120	100	Airsprung 181% CULS	120	_	18.5	15.4	_
32	95	Armitage & Rhodes	29		3.0	10.3	_
117	95	Deborah Ord	117	_	8.2	7.1	5.9
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72		Henry Sykes	72	_	2.4	3.3	6.9
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At the 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Association, held in London on 27th April, the retiring President, Mr. Kenneth C. Peters, in introducing the Annual Report and Accounts, said that 1976 had been a year in which the Association had broken all records its membership had grown by 9 per cent, to 17,500, and it had benefited from a record financial surplus of over £800,000.

As a guide for the rest of the accountancy profession, the Association has also prepared, as a supplement to its 1976 Accounts, audited accounts prepared on a Current Cost Accounts basis, though these reveal little material change from the net surplus shown in the historical accounts.

Mr. Peters referred to recent criticisms, some justifiable, others less so, of some sectors of the profession, and to the steps being taken to ensure that standards are more in line with current public requirements. He stressed the need for the whole of the profession to clarify its own views on its proper role in society, and to act together in safe-guarding this.

The officers for the forthcoming year will be: President-Mr. L. F. Pocock

(Deputy Comptroller, Royal Insurance Group) Deputy-President-Mr. E. R. Gibbs (in public practice) Vice-President-Mr. A. A. Pakenham-Walsh (Director. Graduate Course in Administration, University of Dublin) Foreign Exchange

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Optimism about North Ses oil production kept sterling firm initially, and the pressure increased after the announcement of a record United States trade deficit of \$2.390m in March.

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made their beaviest dollar pur-chases for several weeks, yet sterl-ing did break the \$1,7200 barrier momentarily, touchin; \$1,7201 before a close of \$1,7199 up 7 points on the day.

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MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fairstock prices at representative markets on April 27.—G87 Cattle, 58.20p per kg eat dow 1-5.01 England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 10.02 per kernt, average price 58.45p (+1.5b). Sheep numbers down 14.4 per cent, average price 58.45p (+1.5b). Sheep numbers down 17.4 per cent, average price 58.45p (+1.5b). Sheep numbers down 17.4 per cent, average price 58.45p (+1.5b). Sheep numbers down 17.4 per cent, average price 57.40p (+1.47). Sheep numbers down 18.7 per cent, average price 57.40p (+1.47). Sheep numbers down 15.7 per cent, average price 57.50p (+1.47). Sheep numbers down 15.7 per cent, average price 57.5p numbers down 15.7 per cent, average price 47.2p (-12.5b). Pig numbers down 8.3 per cent, average price 45.1p (-1.7). However, European currencies strengthened generally against both the dollar and sterling, so the pound's effective exchange rate index closed down 0.1 on ... day, at 61.7.

The dollar declined broadly after the high trade deficit, German marks rose from 2.3710 to 2.3630, and French francs gained from 4.9620 to 4.9545.

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The Eurosyndicat Index European share prices was put provisionally at 121.83 on April 26 against 121.20 a week earlier.

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Discount market Bill dealers again reported good activity in Treasury bills, which were changing hands at rates right down to 72 per cent. This reflected market views that a halfpoint MLR cut to 61 per cent now seems more likely than the quarterpoint reduction that was being

speculated upon earlier in the The Bank of England maintained neutral stance and gave help on an exceptionally large scale by lending money overnight to five or six discount houses at MLR (\$1

per cent).
This looked to be considerably more than the underlying situation really warranted, yet the houses were still short at the close, and some were taking advantage of the stundby facilities with their bankers in order to achieve final balance.

For the greater part of the session, rates stayed in the 83-83 per cent area. There was a brief spell, just after the official lending, when rates dropped to 81 per cent, but they very soon climbed right up to 83 per cent again, and even went on to 10 per cent or 10 per cent interbank after the houses had ruled off for the day. Identifiable factors were almost entirely against the market.

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New York, April 27.—Stock prices closed sharply higher on the New York Stock Exchange, assisted by an improving business

outlook.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 8.14 points at 923.76, with gains outnumbering losses 1,050 to 375.

Volume was 20,390,000 shares up from 20,040,000 yesterday. Silver slips by 5.5c New York April 27.—Disampointed lord liquidation, coupled with local lord liquidation, and local l 64 20c; Sept. 65.20c; Dec. 66.70c; Jan. 67.10c; March, 67.90c; May. 68.70c; Jan. 67.10c; March, 67.90c; May. 68.70c; Jan. 68.70c; Jan.

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These views weren't quite so were contemplating buying out at Chiswick Quay, for the lot of money. Thus flats in the troors the choice is in the vicinity is Eritish Rail can vary in price from the standard that you need isn't going to take you any version away from the river.

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bwer). This development is For thanks to their pic-iescribed as "just upstream turesque surroundings and from Putney Bridge". I'd extremely popular pubs, the my it was something over a towpaths at Chiswick Mall mile: and you'd have to and Strand on the Green walk as far in the opposite become very crowded indeed strection to have a reason- in summer, and particularly

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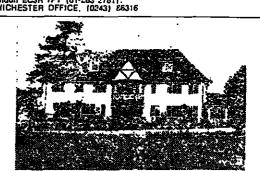
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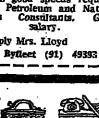
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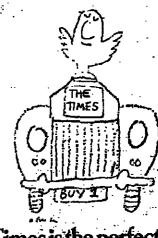
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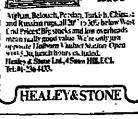
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